

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Malta's New  
Partnership

THE House of Commons wrote a piece of history yesterday. By its approval, without a dissenting voice, of the all-party recommendation for the integration of Malta with Britain, the House created a brand new relationship between a colony and the Mother country. The effect of the decision on other British colonies is likely to be profound, and perhaps to future imperial governments, their demands may become somewhat embarrassing.

For Malta, the most spectacular feature of integration is that it entitles the colony to send to the House of Commons three elected members where they will be fully empowered to take part and vote in all debates, freely speak for the Maltese, and share in the daily activities of the Commons on an equal footing with British MPs.

THAT is an exciting prospect for any colony, yet it does not mean that integration, with all its obligations and implications, will result in the smooth establishment of a new political relationship between Malta and Britain. Two disconcerting factors were associated with the referendum on integration conducted earlier this year: (1) only 45 per cent of the colony's population voted; (2) the Roman Catholic Church, if not openly opposed to the new partnership, holds many reservations concerning its desirability, and may be tempted to stimulate obstruction to the scheme.

The most compelling argument in favour of Malta's integration with Britain is the colony's unique position. Economic considerations preclude full self-government for the island. Much of its economy is dependent upon its army by Britain as a military base. A third of its national income comes from the UK Service Departments. Without grants from the United Kingdom its economy would collapse.

These hard and inescapable facts have complicated the process of constitutional development in Malta and convinced the Premier, Mr. Dom Mintoff, that integration is the only feasible and satisfactory alternative to full independence and self-government. By its confirmation of the proposed partnership, the House of Commons is, in effect, asking the opponents of integration to accept the position gracefully and to help in making it a successful experiment.

THERE will of course be many constitutional problems arising out of the acceptance of the proposals, while the Roman Catholics of Malta may find themselves posed with the problem of accepting the prevailing views in Britain on such questions as marriage, divorce and education with which views the Catholic Church is to some extent in disagreement.

Integration is a bold and imaginative answer to Malta's desire for further self-expression. It is considered by many people to be the only possible answer. If the word is to mean what it says it will result in the closer association of the peoples of Britain and Malta. This is bound in the years to come profoundly to affect the day to day life, manners and morals of the Maltese people.

If integration fails, then there seems to be no way to give the Maltese the self-expression they desire. Certain minor constitutional changes might be made but these are unlikely to satisfy anyone.

New Syrian Link?

'UNITED  
FRONTIER'  
PLAN  
REPORTED

Jerusalem, Mar. 26. Jordan has linked itself with Syria in a "united frontier" plan against Israel, it was reported in the Israel section of Jerusalem today.

The new scheme would unite the frontiers of Syria and Jordan for joint action against Israel.

Syria is allied with Egypt and Saudi Arabia in a similar pact.

Reports reaching Israel today said the Syrian-Jordanian accord was reached in frontier conversations held last Friday night between the Chiefs of Staff of the two countries, General Shawkat Shukri of Syria and Maj. Gen. Hach Anab, the new commander of the Arab Legion.

It was the first time the military chiefs of the two countries had met since the dismissal of General John Bagot Glubb from the leadership of the Arab Legion.

JORDAN RIVER WORK

Meanwhile, General E.L.H. Burns, United Nations Chief of Staff, intimated to Israel and the Arab Governments his stand on the resumption of work on the Jordan River project, which is based on the resolution adopted by the Security Council in 1953.

The resolution calls for stoppage of work on the Jordan water canal dug by Israel in the demilitarised zone.

The sources revealed that during his recent visit to Damascus, General Burns received a memorandum from the Syrian government stating that the Syrian troops would open fire if work on the canal were resumed.

The sources admitted that such action would constitute a serious violation of the armistice agreement but they intimated that General Burns was not concerned at this juncture with identifying a potential "aggressor" as much as he was anxious to prevent an outbreak of hostilities.

The sources admitted that, as far as the armistice agreement was concerned, Israel was within its rights in continuing work on the diversion of Jordan waters outside the demilitarised zone and the Syrians had no right to object to work done outside the zone.

UN circles regarded Syrian-Israeli tension as being "potentially no less dangerous than the tension on the Egyptian-Israeli border."

DEBATE ADJOURNED

New York, Mar. 26. The United Nations Security Council tonight adjourned debate until next Tuesday on the United States proposal to request Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, to investigate the tense Middle East situation.

The adjournment was proposed by Dr. Djafar Abdou, of Iran. He said the Arab states would not be ready to speak before next week.

Before today's meeting, representatives of Israel's four Arab neighbours—Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon—decided to submit formal requests to be allowed to take part in the debate. Their requests were immediately granted and Israel was also invited to sit.

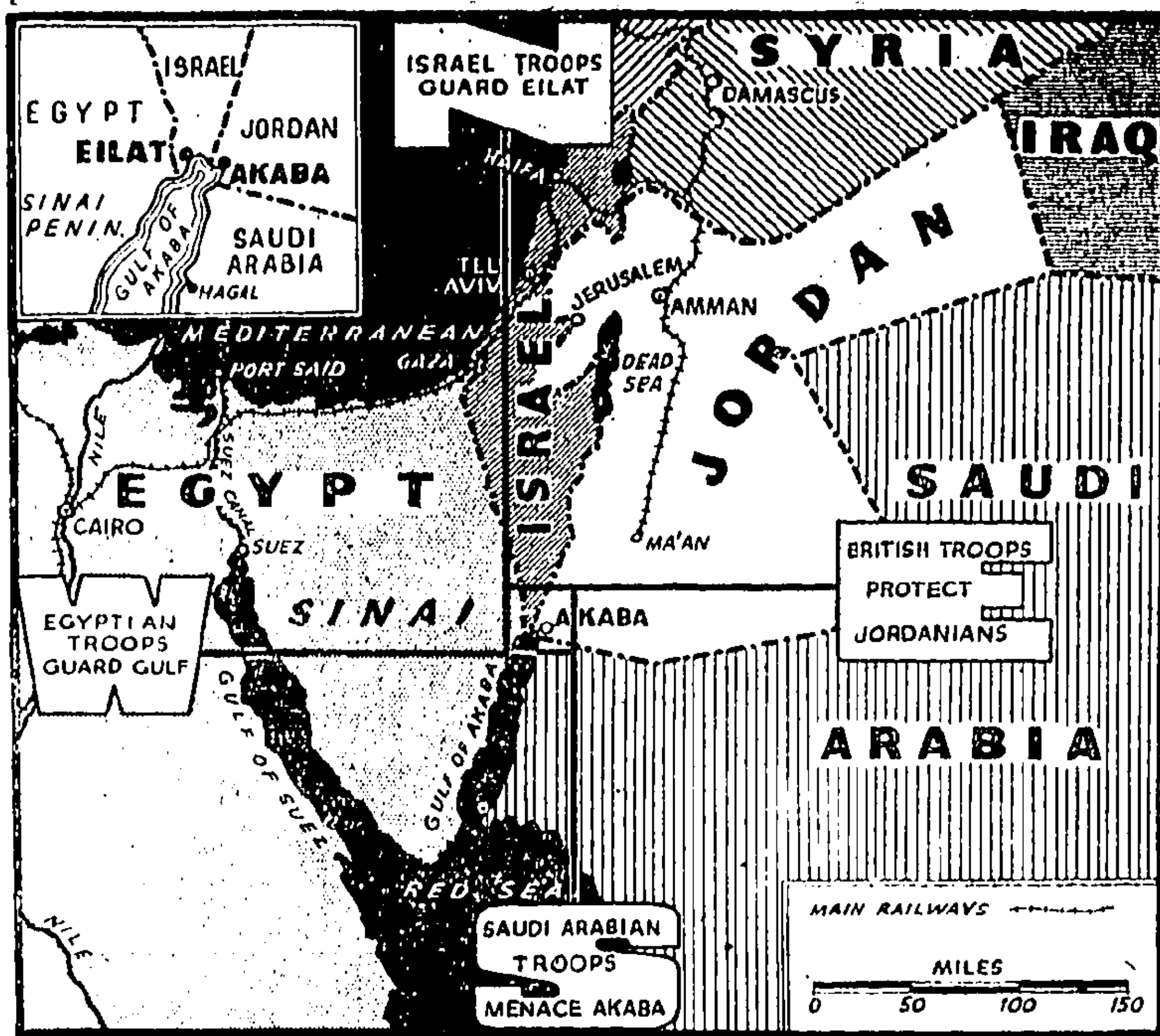
Border Shooting

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 26. Egyptian positions and Israeli patrol exchanged rifle, automatic and mortar fire for three hours today in the El Ayla demilitarised zone on the Sinai border.

600 Arrested

Nicosia, Mar. 26. Six hundred people were arrested yesterday for minor infringements of the curfew regulations. It was officially stated tonight all were released on bail later.

MIDDLE EAST TROUBLE CENTRE



Communists Get  
Tough At Tiflis

UNIVERSITY PARTY LEADER  
IS GIVEN THE SACK

Moscow, Mar. 26. The Communist Party leader at the Stalin State University in Tiflis, Georgia, was today reported to have been dismissed from his post as an aftermath of indiscipline among students.

The announcement, which appeared in the latest issue of the Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka to reach Moscow, is the first dismissal of a Georgian Communist Party official to be reported in recent weeks. Tiflis is the capital of Georgia, Stalin's home state.

The newspaper said the Secretary of the Communist Party at the University, S. Djorbenadze, had been dismissed and reprimanded by the Tiflis Communist Party committee today "for failure in party and political work."

The Georgian newspaper said there had been laxity of discipline at the University and cited cases of large-scale absenteeism among students as well as "anarchism" and lack of attention to ideological and political studies.

TWO EXPELLED

Two girl students of the University had been expelled recently after "violating public order in a most flagrant manner and displaying lack of discipline."

The girls, whose names were given as Zinaida Shukashvili and Ketevana Arbidze, were condemned for "conduct unworthy of Communist students."

A three-column article about the University which was published in the newspaper is typical of the serious attention at present being given to students in Georgia. Zarya Vostoka said university officials ignored many warnings about the "sorry state" of affairs at the University, which has about 5,000 students, including 4,400 members of the Young Communist League and 600 full members of the Communist Party.

'PLAYED TRUANT'

The newspaper declared that entire groups of students missed lectures to make "collective" visits to the cinema and teachers sometimes had to lecture in empty halls.

About 60 per cent of students missed seminars on dialectical materialism, a study of Communist philosophy which is obligatory in Soviet universities. Absenteeism had become particularly serious in the current term, the newspaper said. The newspaper's remarks were seen as part of a campaign to

The map shows the borders of some of the countries that make up the Middle East and the areas occupied by the principal participants in the present struggle for supremacy. Akaba, a port used by ships to supply British troops in Jordan, is the centre of four power interest at the moment.

US PLAN  
FOR CHECK  
POINTS

London, Mar. 26. The United States today proposed that "communications centres" be set up around the globe to lift reports about the foreign troop movements of countries belonging to a world disarmament pact.

Mr. Harold Stassen made the proposal to his British, French, Canadian and Russian colleagues in the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee.

Conference sources said Mr. Stassen urged that all nations should give advance notice of the movements of all land and sea forces outside their territories to "communications centres" set up by a disarmament control organisation.

This would help prevent surprise attacks, lessen tension and improve international confidence.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, disappointed Western delegates today by failing to produce any new proposals for breaking the 10 year deadlock over how the nation of the world should disarm under safeguards.

Won't Go Back To Belgrade

Mr. Osman Feroly, 31-year-old secretary and assistant Press Attache at the Yugoslav Embassy, today asked for political asylum after being recalled to Belgrade.

Feroly, whose wife and two children are now in Yugoslavia, was assigned to Turkey in 1953. He handed a written request asking for protection to Turkish security officials. Feroly is of Turkish origin but was born in Yugoslavia.

\$ Portrait To  
Be Changed

Ottawa, Mar. 27. The portrait of the Queen on the new Canadian bank notes is to be altered to correct a "regrettable error" in design which makes it look as though there is a devil's head in the Queen's hair.

The alteration was announced in the House of Commons today by the Canadian Minister of Finance, Mr. Walter Harris, who described as a "regrettable error" the freak effect of the design—France-Press.

Queen's Tour Film Jeered

Singapore, Mar. 26. Singapore's education department was tonight investigating a complaint by an Englishwoman that every time the film of the Queen of England Tour of Nigeria appeared on a local screen children screamed, yelled catcalls and jeered.

An Education Department spokesman said tonight there has been disorder during the film show, by students from two English schools. But there did not appear to have been any organised disturbance, he said.

In addition to hand clapping and other noises, it appeared there was some jeering when the boys in the audience saw Africans in funny clothes. They probably linked this up

Trade Ban  
Silence  
Angers US  
Senators

Washington, Mar. 26. Senators today accused three leading administration officials of "jeopardising the foreign aid programme" by refusing to reveal publicly which goods could be shipped by Allies of the United States to the Communist bloc.

Senator Henry Jackson (Democrat, Washington) said at a packed hearing of the Senate Permanent Investigations Sub-Committee: "Some of us who consistently have supported the foreign aid programme in the past are not going to support it this time."

The Chairman, Senator John McClellan (Democrat, Arkansas), and Senator Stuart Symington (Democrat, Missouri), voiced broad agreement with emphatic backing from Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin).

But the three administration officials—Mr. Herbert Hoover, the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sinclair Weeks, the Secretary of Commerce, and Mr. John Hollister, the Director of the International Co-operation Administration which administers foreign aid programmes—flatly refused to disclose the information in public session.

BREACH OF FAITH

Mr. Hoover said in a prepared statement that to declassify the list of East-West trade embargoes agreed among 16 nations "would not only be a breach of faith which would be prejudicial to our foreign relations, but it could seriously risk destroying the entire agreement upon which our system of controls now rests."

Furthermore, he claimed, it would jeopardise the United States' ability to conduct negotiations on this or any other subject in the future.

The committee has been strongly critical of the administration's action in permitting the easing of strategic trade controls in 1954, when many items were taken off the embargo list or "downgraded" for restricted export to the Soviet bloc.

These items, the committee research staff claimed, included copper wire, machine tools of various types, electric generators and other goods of strategic value.

Senator McCarthy demanded of Mr. Hoover today: "Do you agree that we should cut off aid to any of the countries which are shipping 60,000 kilowatt generators to the Soviet Union?"

HOOVER'S REPLY

Mr. Hoover replied that the position as regards trade with Communist countries was "interesting."

"It may not be generally known that the Chinese Nationalists are shipping to the Chinese Communists many millions of dollars worth of goods every year," Mr. Hoover said.

"If we cut off aid to all countries trading with the Communist bloc we should find ourselves in a very strange situation."

The Administration spokesman defended the Government's agreement to the 1954 easing of Western trade embargoes on the grounds that concessions had to be made to United States allies in order to maintain any kind of an embargo system at all.

They offered to tell the committee in closed session exactly which items had been removed or downgraded, but not in open session.

POISON  
SCARE  
ON IKE'S  
TRAIN

New York, Mar. 26. The American Secret Service was tonight investigating whether "poisoned" soft drinks had been put aboard a private railway carriage used by President Eisenhower to travel to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, from Washington.

Mr. U.E. Bagham, Secret Service Chief, ordered what he called a "routine investigation" after the President arrived here for a conference with Mexican and Canadian leaders.

"We don't think there has been any plot aimed at the President, but we do want to find out all there is to know about the situation," Mr. Bagham said.

Three Taken Ill

The carriage is the private one of Mr. Walter Tuohy, President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

Three people were reported to have been taken ill after having a soft drink in the carriage last Friday when it was on the way to Washington to pick up the Presidential party.

One of the trio, a woman, was said to be in a Huntington Hospital suffering from "acute poisoning."

A Huntington newspaper quoted her as saying that she and several others were invited to inspect the carriage when it stopped in the West Virginia town on the way to Washington. The chief asked if they would have lunch, but they declined. They accepted a soft drink.

"The drink looked cloudy and tasted funny," the woman was quoted as saying. Another woman was reported ill at home and a man was said to be in hospital as a result of drinking the liquid.

Reuter.

B & K Visit  
Denounced  
At Protest  
Meeting

Manchester, Mar. 26. Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge, Editor of Punch, tonight described Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev as "seasoned, professional terrorists."

Both of them, he added, had at different times "been entrusted by Stalin—the master they now repudiate—with missions which involved the most ruthless and murderous exercise of power which they faithfully and meticulously executed."

Mr. Muggeridge was speaking to a meeting to protest against the Soviet leaders' official reception in Britain.

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place at London's vast Albert Hall, but the management cancelled the booking on the grounds that the meeting could lead to a breach of the peace.

Almost 2,500 people turned up tonight and Mr. Muggeridge's speech was interrupted several times by shouts of "Down with the Russians!"

'Fatuous Initiative'

Mr. Muggeridge said: "What we are protesting against tonight is not so much a visit, an ill-conceived and fatuous diplomatic initiative."

"Suppose Sir Anthony Eden by some strange chance does achieve some agreement with Khrushchev, what is it worth? What have previous agreements with the Soviet been worth?"

"I'll tell you—nothing."

The meeting passed a resolution saying: "However much the people of Britain may long for friendship with the Russian people, there can be no mutual trust while the U.S.S.R. remains Communist, maintains slave labour camps, attacks religion and persecutes those who oppose it, and continues to hold in thrall the nations of Eastern Europe."

The resolution is being forwarded to Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister.

HOUSE BACKS  
MALTA PLAN

London, Mar. 26. The House of Commons tonight backed a proposal that Malta should be integrated with Britain.

It agreed without a vote to a Government motion to "take note" of a report by a British all-party round-table conference proposing integration.

With both Government and opposition speaking strongly in favour, this amounted to a tacit endorsement, though the motion did not make any specific claim.

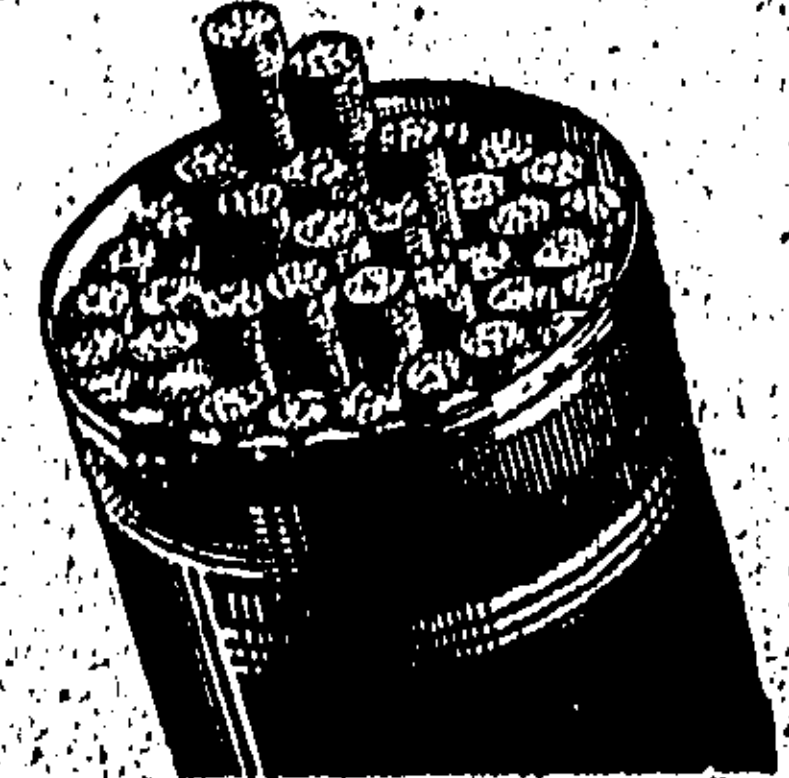
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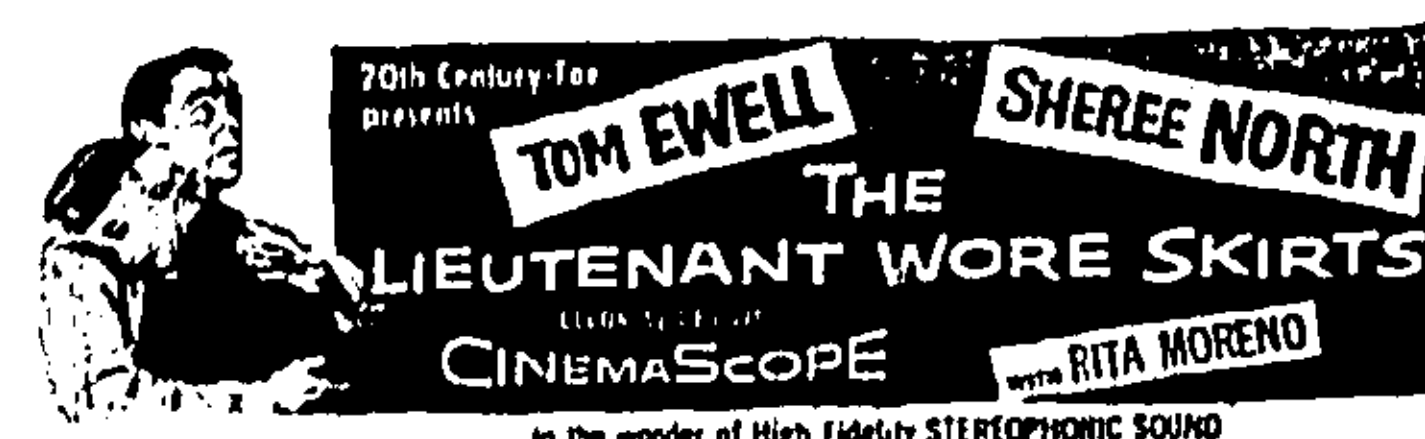


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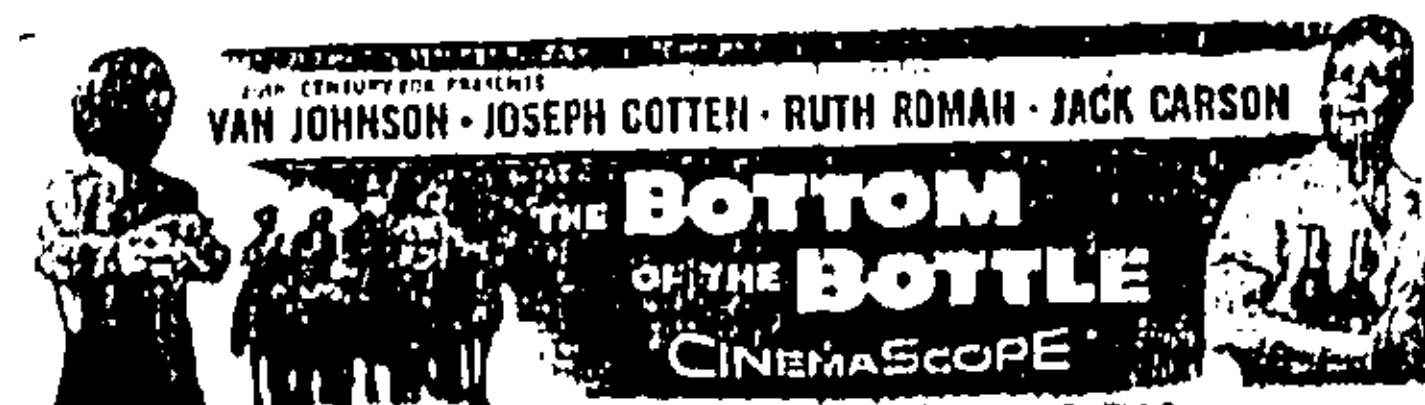
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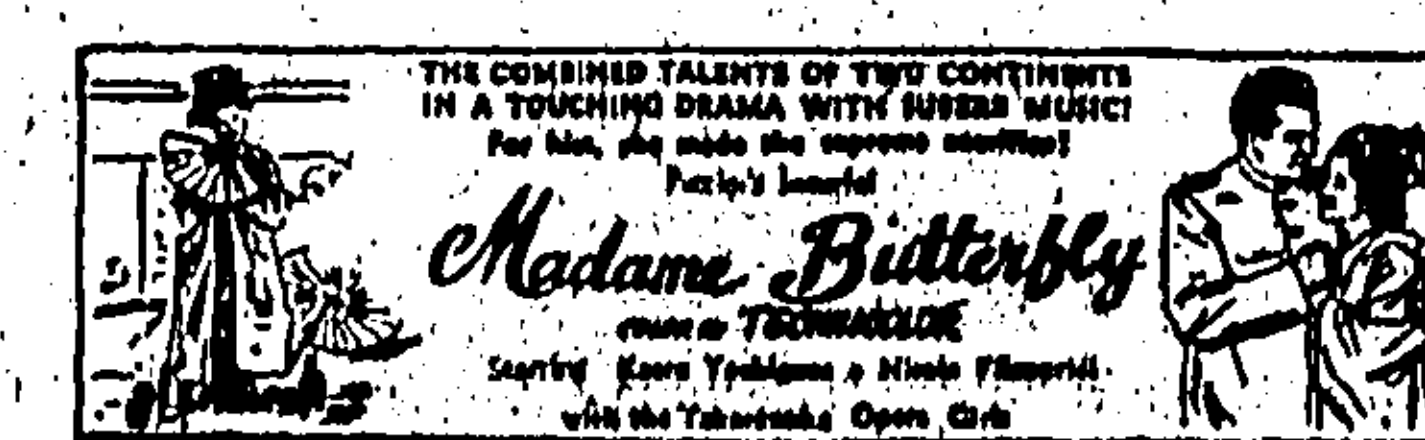


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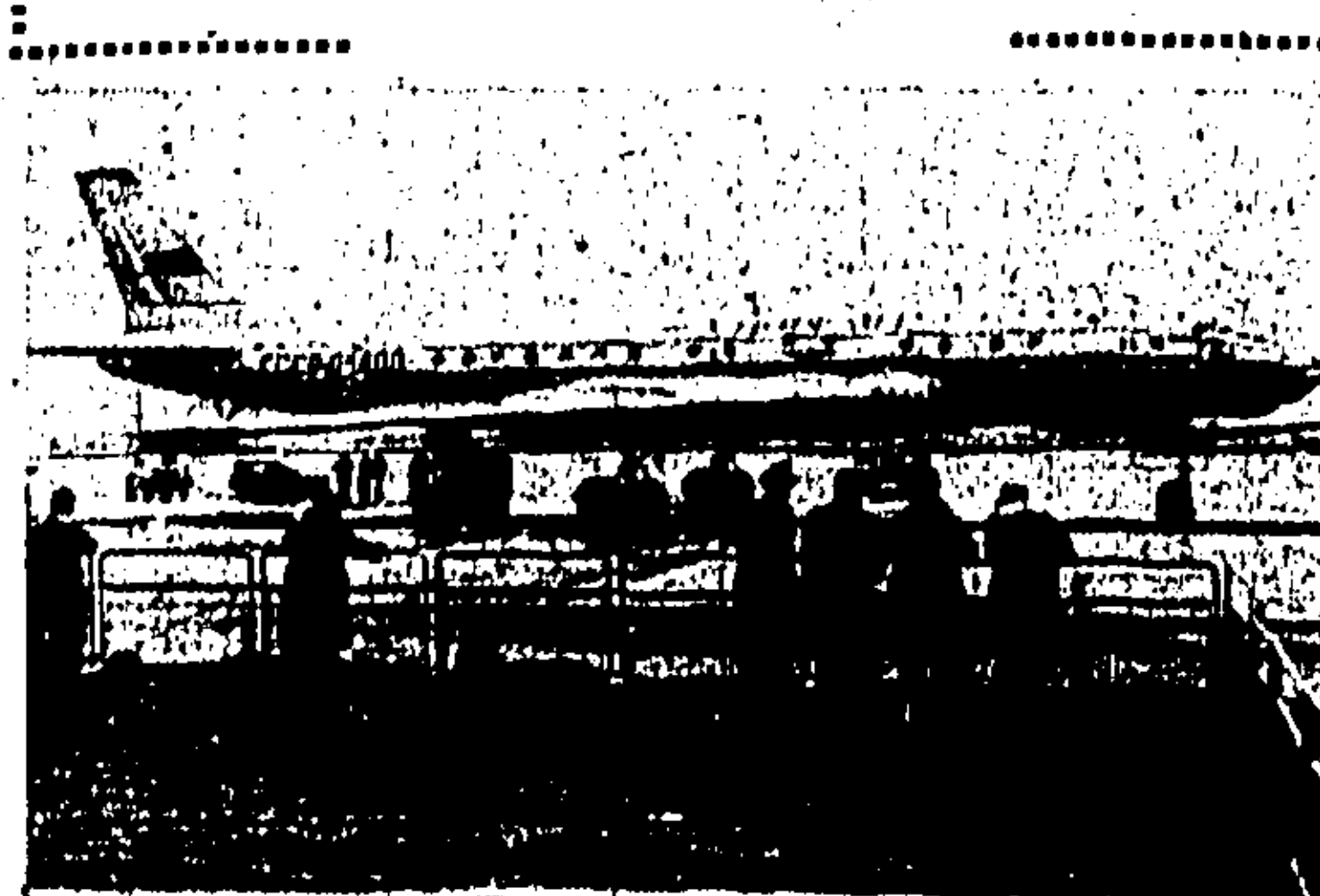


ORIENTAL THEATRE  
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THE FAMOUS STAGE OPERA IS NOW ON THE SCREEN!



# Malaya's Safety Bound Up With Thailand

## SOVIET JET IN LONDON



Colonel-General Ivan Serov, head of the Soviet Security Police, arrived in London Airport on Thursday to supervise security preparations for the visit next month of Mr. Krushchev and Marshal Bulganin. General Serov flew to Britain in a jet plane that had British experts' eyes bulging—a Tu 104, a medium-size civil aircraft which one air correspondent described as "nearly as big as anything we have in Britain." The plane is pictured, top. At bottom, Colonel-General Serov is seen on left with Russia's Ambassador in London, Mr. Yakov Malik.—Express Photo.

# Death Toll Mounts In North Africa

Rabat, Mar. 26. The death toll mounted to six today in the terrorist ambush of security forces which occurred near Fez today, informed sources said.

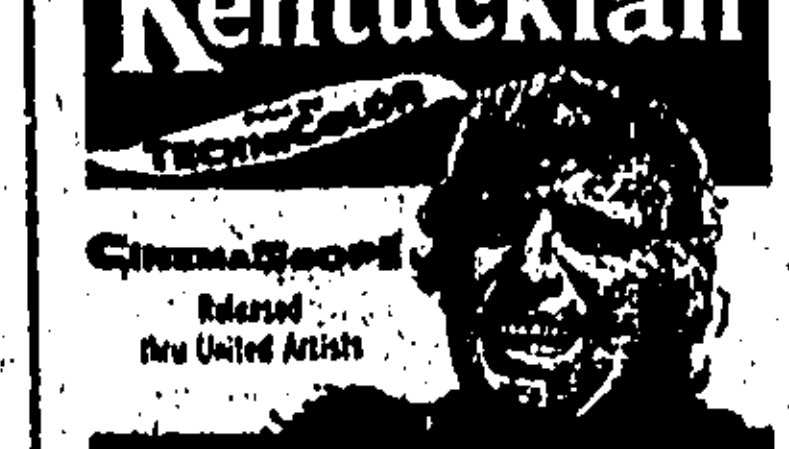
One soldier had been reported killed and two others wounded in the ambush but one of the wounded died today and the bodies of four missing soldiers were found, bringing the total to six dead and one wounded, the sources said. The troops, members of the French Foreign Legion, were riding in two trucks near Fez when a band of heavily armed terrorists swooped down on them. Rebel losses were not reported.—France-Press.

# Baboons Raid Vineyards

Capetown, Mar. 26. A troop of baboons, 80 strong, living in the Constantia mountains have acquired the taste of Constantia farmers' grapes and green maize. They have been helping themselves to large quantities growing on Constantia slopes guided by the warning barks of wise sentries who give the signal for retreat when anyone approaches. When the bell for the labourers to leave work and have lunch is rung, the baboons swoop down to have lunch too.—China Mail Special.

# MAJESTIC

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— TO-MORROW —  
Dale ROBERTSON Evelyn KEYES in "TOP OF THE WORLD"

# THE TENGKU PLEDGES HIS FRIENDSHIP

Bangkok, Mar. 26. Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister of Malaya said here tonight that Thailand and Malaya had "to put our hearts and minds together and remove our common fears."

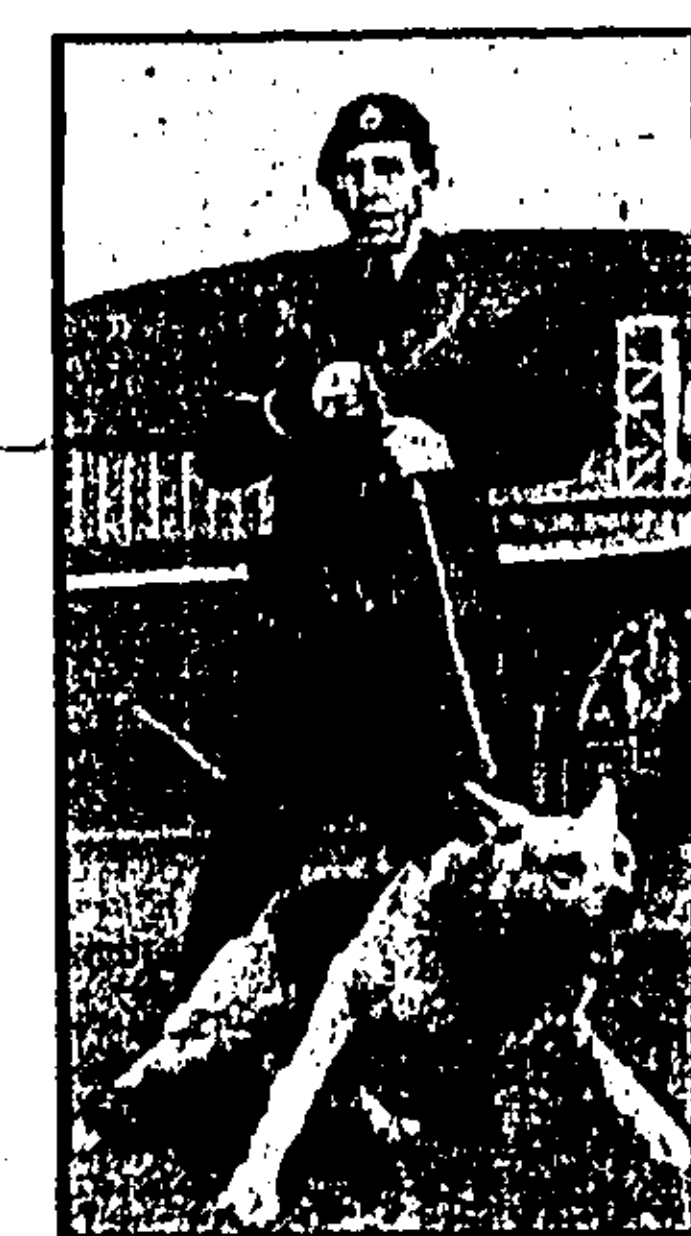
Malaya's Chief Minister was speaking at a banquet given in his honour by Thailand's Foreign Minister Prince Wan Waithayakon on the first night of his two-day state visit to Thailand.

The Tengku said that problems which beset Thailand and Malaya were very similar. "My own Siamese blood has made me realise that the safety of Malaya will remain with the close relationship between Thailand and Malaya." "The Federation cannot stand alone. We decided we would stay within the Commonwealth. But this does not mean that we should be barred from having close relations with our neighbours," the Chief Minister added.

## Closer Bonds

Prince Wan Waithayakon, proposing a toast to the Tengku said: "It is due to your Excellency that the Federation of Malaya is assured self-government and independence next year." Prince Wan commended Malaya's Chief Minister for "your wisdom in having the Federation of Malaya remain within the British Commonwealth of nations." Thailand, Prince Wan said, wanted "to draw the bonds closer between our two nations." Menu at the banquet, attended by some 50 Malayan, Thai and Commonwealth ministers and diplomats consisted of Thai and European food.—Reuter.

# 'Got Away From My Planes'



This is Dante, one of the dogs which guards the giant Vickers Valiant 4-jet bombers now in service with the RAF at Gaydon, Warwickshire. This picture was taken during the first Press visit to the airfield. Dante was trying to get at some of the cameramen.—Central Press Photo.

# MALAYAN DOLLAR FALLS

Singapore, Mar. 26. The Malayan dollar fell slightly on exchanges here against sterling today, the Straits Times reported. The change in rates was followed by the biggest business for some time.

Leading bankers said, however, the rate remained at "normal top," the rate at which the Malayan Currency Commission exchanges notes for sterling with local banks. Rates quoted today declined from 28-1/32 pence selling and 28-5/32 pence buying to 28 pence and 28 1/2 pence respectively.

The chairman of the Malayan Exchange Banks Association, Mr. G. A. P. Sutherland, said he felt the present expansion of the dollar currency had now ceased and there had been a fair amount of pressure on the banks to sell sterling.

Rates would probably stabilise at present levels and in view of the balance of payments position, would not drift lower.—Reuter.

# Lunch-Time Trickster At Work

Lisbon, Mar. 26. Police are searching for a confidence trickster whose speciality is cheating restaurant owners of 950 escudos (about £10) and a lunch that he does not eat.

His technique, according to the police, is to order a 50-escudo lunch to be delivered to a fashionable address, and give advance warning that he will need change for 1,000 escudos. He meets the waiter on the stairs, receives the lunch and the change and, apparently as an afterthought, says: "Please get me a glass of beer." The waiter returns with the beer to find his customer and 950 escudos gone, and the lunch growing cold on the stairs.—China Mail Special.

# LEE TO-NIGHT AT 8.30 P.M.

CHUNG YEE DRAMA GROUP presents "TEN THOUSAND INGOTS OF GOLD" (兩萬金黃)  
A Mandarin Play in 3 Acts  
Admissions \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 & \$7.50

# Court Protects Crocodile

New Delhi, Mar. 27. A New Delhi citizen has been fined £2 for being cruel to a crocodile.

An officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals told the magistrate's court that the crocodile was tied to a table with ropes and bleeding from the mouth. Its owner beat it with a stick to make it move to amuse an audience of children.

The crocodile was brought to court in an ambulance. Its owner explained that he bought it in the Delhi fish market and charged a halfpenny a time to see it.—China Mail Special.

# QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M. || 2.30, 5.20, 7.30 & 9.40 P.M.

# SHOWING TO-DAY



COMING SOON! WB's Sensational CinemaScope Hit! "REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE" Starring James DEAN

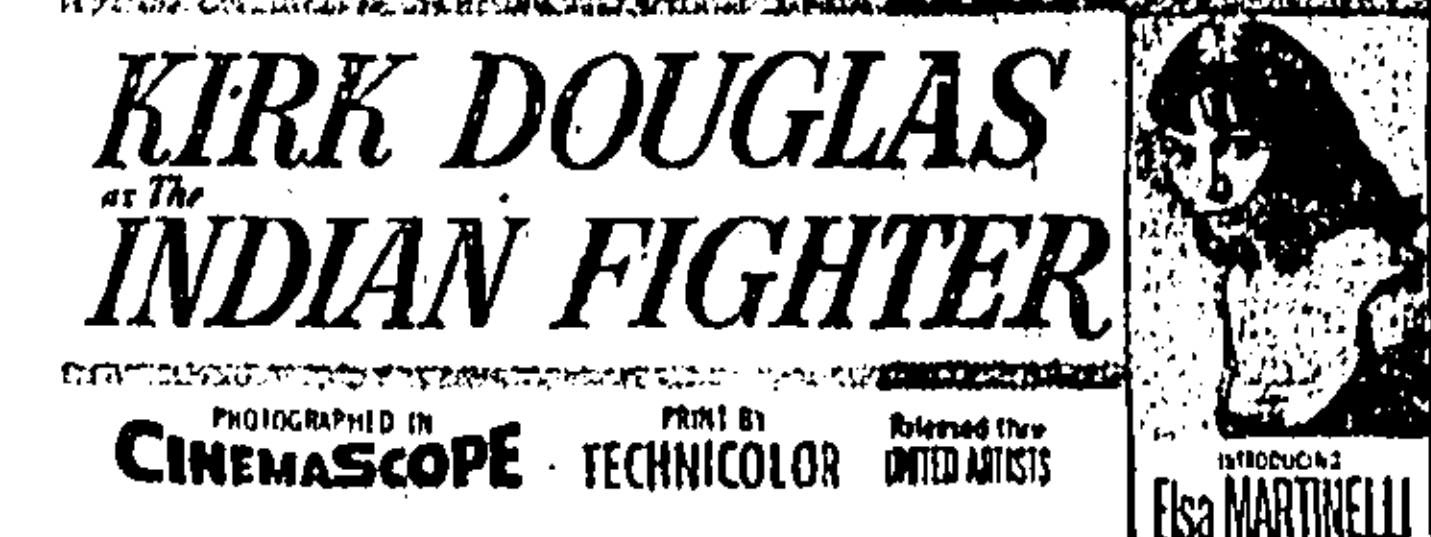
# NEW YORK GREAT WORLD

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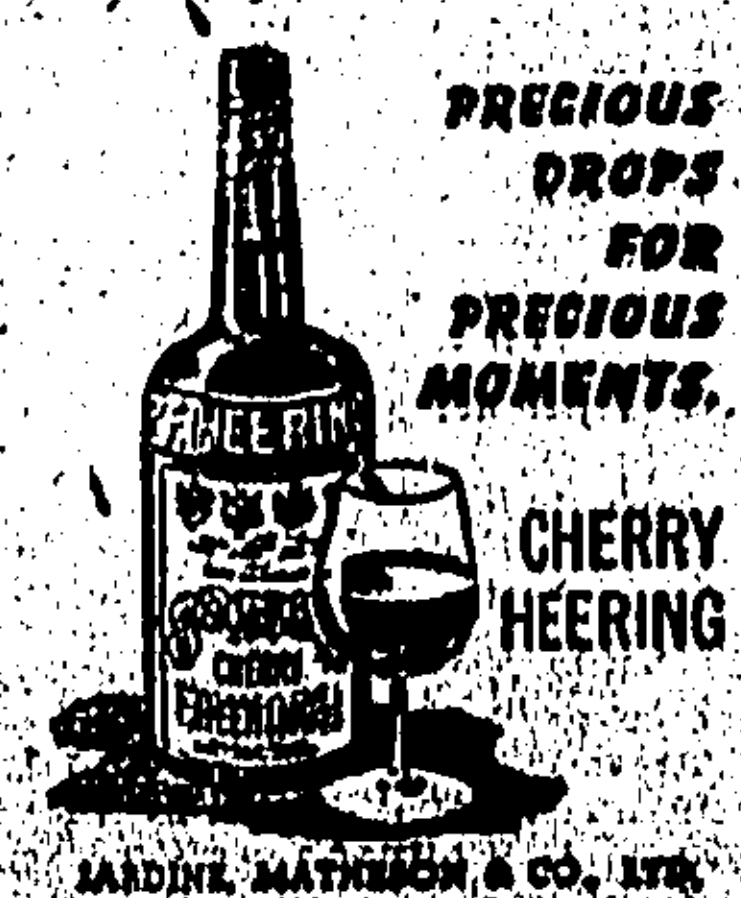
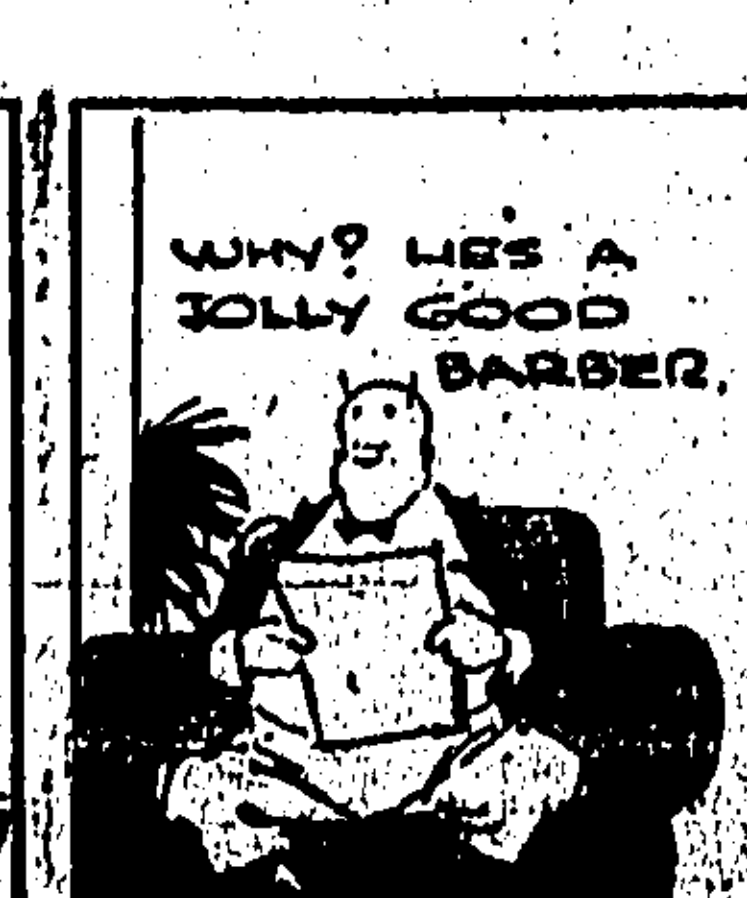
# CAPITOL RITZ

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— NEXT CHANGE —  
Martine CAROL in "MADAME DU BARRY"  
A French Picture with English Subtitles

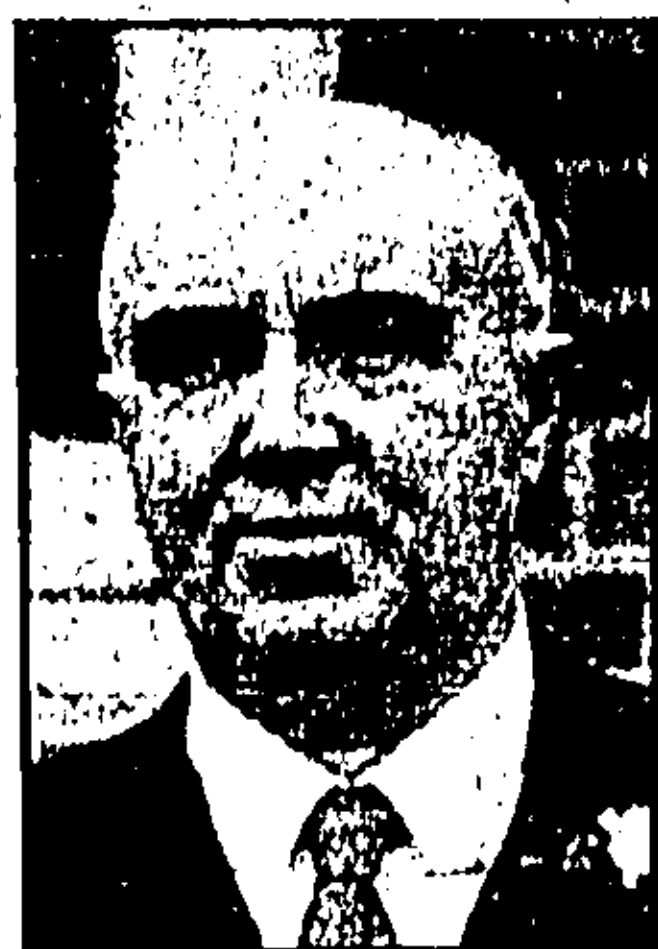
— TO-MORROW —  
"SINCERELY YOURS"  
To-morrow Morning Show "TANGANYIKA"





## ★ British Reds To Discuss Stalin Revelations ★

## HARRY POLLITT WILL HAVE TO TALK FAST



HARRY POLLITT

## NO RECESS IN 'LEAKS' TRIAL

Paris, Mar. 26. The Military Court which is hearing the sensational defence "leaks" trial here rejected today a plea by defence lawyers calling for the 17-day old trial to be recessed till further evidence could be gathered.

The court after 90 minutes' deliberation, ruled the trial should continue to enable the remaining witnesses to "throw new light" on the proceedings, if possible.

The plea was made by advocates for H. Labrousse and Rene Turpin, two of four defendants accused of "leaking" defence secrets to non-authorized parties.

Other defendants are Andre Baranes, a reporter, and Jean Mons, ex-secretary of the French Defence Council. Labrousse and Turpin were Mons' top aides.

Baranes has been accused in the hearings of acting as a double agent for the Communist Party and of passing on information to the American Embassy here.

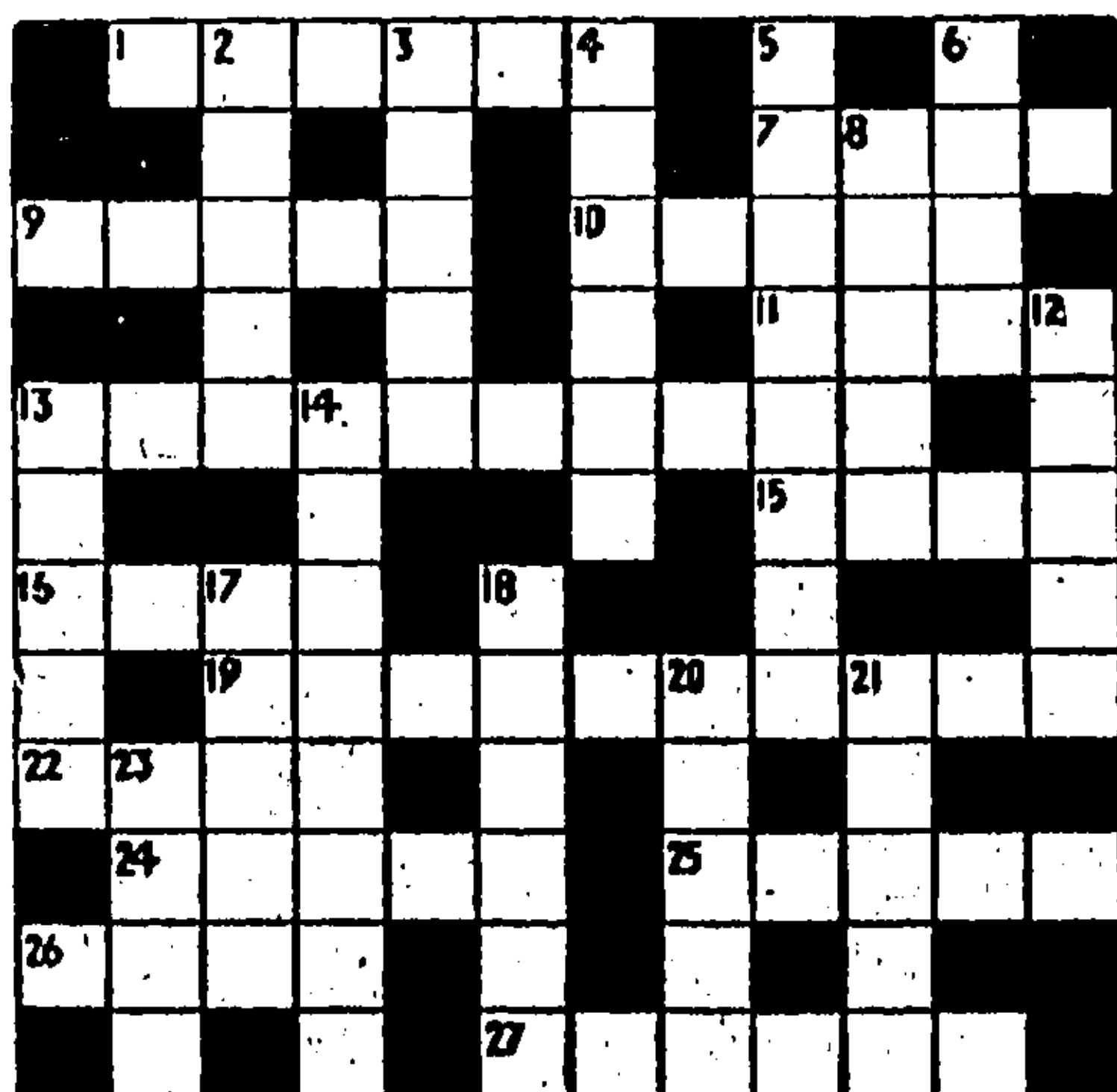
He claims he was spying on the Communist Party as a "patriotic duty". France-Press.

## £222 Penalty For No TV Licence

Hanover, Mar. 26. A Hanover commercial traveller is 2,065 marks (about £222 sterling) the poorer because he tried to save himself 115 marks (about £10 sterling) in television licence fees.

A court here ordered him to pay the outstanding fees, accumulated in 23 months plus a fine of 150 marks (about £13 sterling) and confiscated his set value 2,400 marks (about £200 sterling).—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Die (6).
  - Incursion (4).
  - View (5).
  - Coral reef (5).
  - Tie up (4).
  - Determination (10).
  - Try out (4).
  - Struggle for breath (4).
  - Set in opposition (10).
  - Black (4).
  - Stadium (5).
  - Retinue (5).
  - Legal right (4).
  - Core (6).
- DOWN**
- Pitchers (5).
  - Perfect (5).
  - Red Sult (6).
  - Advances in rank (8).
  - Storage chamber (4).
  - Solitary (5).
  - Scolded (5).
  - Rascal (5).
  - Adversary (8).
  - Twenty (6).
  - Assail (6).
  - Change (5).
  - Vestige (5).
  - Lure (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Custom, 4 Petty, 7 Arming, 8 Melts, 10 Gals, 12 Sheared, 15 Igloo, 16 Tire, 17 Rang, 19 Brood, 20 Scarlet, 21 Rife, 23 Umbra, 24 Regret, 25 Inter, 26 Defend. Down: 1 Chargers, 2 Semolina, 3 Ovens, 5 Elevator, 6 Teller, 9 Shop, 11 Aggrieve, 12 Sober, 13 Ridicule, 14 Deserve, 15 Acumen, 22 Mace.

London, Mar. 26. Mr Harry Pollitt, leader of Britain's 32,000 Communists, is expecting fireworks when the party meets over Easter to discuss Moscow revelations of Stalin's misdeeds.

Already he is rumoured to have curtailed his usual lengthy speech at the annual congress to allow time for discussion of the new development.

Speeches for and against Stalin—first attacked by Mr Nikita Khrushchev at the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party—will be heard in private, an indication that embarrassing questions may be expected.

The Daily Worker, official organ of the party in Britain, has never allowed criticism in its columns until the current Russian campaign against the leadership of the late Josef Stalin.

## Docile Attitude

But every day since, an enlarged "readers' letters" column has carried scathing criticism of British Communists' docile submission to policy instructions from Moscow.

Many letters condemned the "cult of the individual" attacked by Mr Khrushchev and the "unremitting" campaign of all that came from the Soviet Union and the communist.

Mr Pollitt, 65, who 20 years ago helped to form Britain's Communist Party, has a hard task before the weekend congress.

Past speeches have been an echo of the Moscow chorus that one adulterated Stalin's every move.

Now he admits that Stalin made mistakes. But the denigration is mild compared with Mr Khrushchev's attack.

"The criticism and public exposure of Stalin's mistakes have caused deep concern not only to the Soviet people but also to members of the working class and Communist movements all over the world," Mr Pollitt wrote in Saturday's Daily Worker.

## 33,000 Votes

Stalin's contribution to Communist leadership in the Soviet Union would, however, stand in history, he declared.

Without his successes there would be no Soviet Union today although it could have been achieved more quickly and at less cost except for certain defects and abuses associated with Stalin's personal leadership. Pollitt, a former boiler maker, born among Lancashire cotton mills, has an awkward time

ahead. Party membership is declining. From a wartime peak of 47,000 it has slumped to 32,000.

At the general election last year candidates won 33,000 votes in 17 constituencies but failed to obtain a seat in Parliament. —China Mail Special.

## E. GERMAN REDS MEET IN SECRET

Berlin, Mar. 26.

The East German Communist Party conference held a closed session this afternoon to which only the 2,000 voting delegates were admitted.

About 1,000 guests and the Western press, who have attended every session so far, were excluded.

Only people with special passes were allowed through the strong police control.

According to the agenda, the conference should have continued discussing Saturday's long speech by the party secretary, Herr Walter Ulbricht.

## Speculation

But it was announced at the end of the morning session that the discussion was over for today and the conference would continue tomorrow morning.

There was much speculation when the delegates reassembled later that this might be a secret session similar to the one at the recent Moscow party congress where Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet party chief, is reported to have "told all" about Stalin.

Police at the control barriers would only say that the session was an "internal affair".

A Western reporter who asked if he could collect a coat he had left in the cloakroom in the morning was escorted all the way by party officials.

They refused to comment.

## Church Attacks

At the morning session today, Herr Kurt Froehlich, Communist Party chief at Leipzig, said several church leaders had attacked the East German Government from their pulpits in recent months, supporting policies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Herr Froehlich said religious freedom was guaranteed by the constitution, but no anti-State propaganda would be tolerated. Herr Max Reimann, chief of the West German Communist Party, who now lives in East Germany, told the congress that German Communists were prepared to "learn from the bad failures of the past."

## Co-operation

He said the "new orientation of his party" included abandonment of the former thesis that the West German Government should be "overthrown by revolutionary methods." This had been wrong, he added.

The West German Communists would now look for co-operation not only with the Social Democrats but also with the liberal bourgeoisie, he declared. —Reuters.

## NZ ESTABLISHING OFFICE IN BANGKOK

Wellington, Mar. 26. The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, announced tonight that his Government had decided to establish an office in Bangkok. This was because of developments in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation, to which New Zealand belongs, and which recently decided to strengthen its organisation in Bangkok headquarters of the defence alliance. —Reuters.

## Bowaters Strike

## A Direct Challenge To Management

Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Mar. 26.

The General Manager of the Giant Bowater Pulp and Paper Mill here, Mr Albert Martin, said today that a strike by machinists which has closed the plant was "a direct challenge to the management."

The 200 members of the machinists' union went on strike at midnight last night after the company refused to accept their demand for dismissal of a newly appointed production superintendent, who had moved some men from night work to day maintenance as an economy move.

## SOLE ISSUE

Mr Martin said the sole issue involved in the walkout, which involves some 1,800 employees, was the demand for the removal of Mr Albert Roche, the superintendent.

"The company will not dismiss its staff on demand, nor can I accept the condemnation of an individual without a full and fair hearing," he declared.

The strike, first at the mill since Bowaters took over in 1938, is expected to cost 150,000 dollars (about £54,000 sterling) a day. —China Mail Special.

## Armed Bands Terrorise Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 26. Armed bands of roving squatters, who have launched attacks against isolated localities have given rise to false reports of revolt in central Brazil, it was learned here today.

The bands of about 200 each, armed with modern rifles and machineguns, are squatters who were recently chased off land in the central State of Goias.

The squatters had moved onto Goias lands after being driven down from the northern state of Ceara in the midst of a drought.

Newspapers said that four persons were killed in clashes with the bands.

The Government of Goias announced that a group of bandits attacked a group of police and killed one officer before being driven off. —France-Press.

## WIFE MUST GO TOO

Frankfurt, Mar. 26. A Frankfurt court banned a motorist from visiting beerhalls except when accompanied by his wife.

On two occasions into night life in the company of other women, the motorist was alleged to have been involved in car smashers after drinking. —China Mail Special.

## New Russian Envoy For Vienna

Vienna, Mar. 26. It was learned in official circles today that Ivan Ivanovich Ilyichov, the Soviet Ambassador to Austria, was leaving Vienna shortly for Moscow. He had completed his term of duty as Ambassador having arrived here on June 28, 1953.

A report from Moscow said that his successor would be Andre Andreovich Smirnov, one of the Soviet Deputy Foreign Ministers. Ilyichov took a prominent part in the Ambassadors' conference here in 1955 which completed the draft of the Austrian State Treaty which was finally signed on May 15 last. —Reuters.

## WILLIAM TELL: 1956 VERSION

Charleston, W. Va., Mar. 26. A state conservation department report from an office in the field has been filed here as the "William Tell Case."

Officer Claude Rice reported that he had investigated rifle shots and found three boys taking turns shooting empty guns from dead olive trees with 22 calibre rifles. —China Mail Special.

## INDIAN IVORY GIFT FOR MOUNTBATTENS



Earl and Countess Mountbatten, who have been touring India on a state visit last week were presented with a collection of carved ivory pieces, during the reception held in their honour at Diwan-E-Khas (India's House of Lords). Lord Mountbatten is pictured receiving the gift of ivory, watched by Lady Mountbatten, seated foreground, and Premier Nehru, seated extreme right. —Express Photo.

## Troop Withdrawal Rumour Upsets Truce Commission

Saigon, Mar. 26. The chairman of the Vietnam International Truce Commission, Mr G. K. Parthasarathi, today called on the South Vietnam President, Mr Ngo Dinh Diem, and discussed rumours of agreement for a French withdrawal of her military forces here, according to usually well-informed sources.

He is said to have told Mr Diem in a 45-minute interview that a serious situation would result if the French high command were to withdraw before a decision is taken about its succession, and about its commitments under the Geneva truce which ended the fighting in 1954.

## Disagreement

The South Vietnam Deputy Minister, Tran Trung Dung, told Reuters today that military talks had been under way for some time between the French and Vietnamese military staffs but no final agreement had yet been signed at Government level.

Diplomatic sources said however that a preliminary agreement for withdrawal of French Union forces had been signed last week by the French and Vietnamese military delegations.

Announcement of agreement was published by local papers yesterday and broadcast by Vietnamese radio today. But the official Vietnam press said today that talks had taken place but no agreement had yet been signed.

"The distinction seems to be between 'preliminary' and 'final' agreement."

## Equipment

A Reuters report on Friday said it had been agreed that the French Expeditionary Force should be completely withdrawn by June 30.

Under the reported agreement, France would withdraw all army, navy and air force equipment except what was lent by the United States during the Indo-China War, most of which is now considered obsolete. —Reuters.

## Dead Soviet Leader Commemorated

London, Mar. 26. Russia will tomorrow commemorate the 70th anniversary of the birth of Sergei Kirov, Soviet leader whose assassination in 1934 was followed by a big Stalin purge, Moscow radio announced.

Exhibitions, talks and meetings dealing with Kirov's life are being held in Leningrad, Kiev and Baku.

Soviet records say Kirov was killed by "agents of foreign intelligence services" in Leningrad. He was reported to have been a close friend of Stalin, but Moscow radio did not mention the link today. —Reuters.

## Grim Warning

## BRITAIN'S POSTWAR POSITION

London, Mar. 26. WHAT might be described as the grimmest 50 words in Britain's postwar history are those in which Sir Edward Boyle, Economic Secretary to the Treasury has summed up the country's position.

"The country is faced with 5 major problems, he said.

★ "1. The gold and dollar reserves of the entire sterling area are extremely low.

★ "2. We have relatively low resources in manpower and very low resources in materials.

★ "3. We have a heavy defence programme.

★ "4. Our capital assets have been stagnating.

★ "5. We now have very heavy commitments in capital expenditure."

## TWO MORE POINTS

He was addressing a businessmen's conference at Droitwich, in the Midlands. When the entire conference had reached the following stage, he added two more points:

★ "1. In West Germany per capita consumption is only 50 dollars per annum whereas in the United Kingdom it is 75 dollars.

★ "2. New investment in West Germany, is equal to 188 dollars per capita."

He expressed the personal opinion that higher taxation would compel the British public to save.

"High taxation can be an economic evil," he said. "But inflation can be an even greater one." —United Press.

## Dutch Soldier Wins Pay Case

The Hague, Mar. 26. More than 12,000 former soldiers of the Netherlands-Indonesian Army today won the first round of their claim to about 300 million guilders (about 30 million sterling) back-pay for the time they served in Japanese prison camps during the last year.

Major E. F. Froeling, of the former Netherlands-Indonesian Army, won a test case in which a court here ordered the State to pay him 19,000 guilders (about 1,900 sterling) plus 10 per cent interest as pay for his four years in a prison camp.

The State announced it would appeal against the judgment. A bill is pending before the First Chamber (upper house) changing the law under which the court today found. Major Froeling's claim justified. The bill has already been passed by the Second Chamber (lower house). —Reuters.

London, Mar. 26. Britain's fashion models for next autumn will be previewed in Moscow during May, it was learned today.

Eleven London fashion houses will send representatives and mannequins by plane to present the next line of the Soviet Union. —France-Press.

## TAVERNS IN THEIR TOWN

New York, Mar. 26. There is one tavern for each 548 residents of Manhattan, New York City's chief borough, reports the State Liquor Authority.

The Authority commented that the results of a survey showed that there was "undue concentration" of taverns in some neighbourhoods. —China Mail Special.

## Victoria To Continue With 6 p.m. Swill

Melbourne, Mar. 26. Visitors will have a dry time when they come here in November to watch the 1956 Olympic Games.

After watching track men panning in a 10,000-metre race and field men heaving the hammer on a hot Australian summer day, the spectators will find the bars closed before the evening starts.

Establishments selling liquor in the State of Victoria must close at six p.m. local time.

An attempt was made last weekend to extend the opening hours to 10 p.m. in view of the coming Games. But the people of Victoria who went to the polls to decide whether they wanted the four-hour extension said "no" by a crushing majority.

## With Meals

There were 750,000 dry voters for the six o'clock and only 485,000 thirsty Victorians voted for four more hours of drinking.

So Olympic visitors will find doors closed for the sale of liquor after six p.m. Hotels with dining rooms can serve drinks with meals up to 10 o'clock. —France-Press.

## SOAPY WATER

IT GOOD FOR PLANTS; USE BATH SURPLUS IN THE GARDEN. WATER IS PRECIOUS

## EXHIBITION OF DON'TS

Christchurch, Mar. 26. The municipal electricity department here has opened a "black" museum of things their customers should not do if they want to live.

It shows pocket knives inserted in switchboards to replace blown fuses, electric iron leads with the insulation bare, and the remains of a mouse which blacked out part of Christchurch by short-circuiting high voltage conductors. —China Mail Special.

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By DAVID DIVINE

## "Paper" Chase Fugitive?

London. Mr Selwyn Lloyd is Britain's Foreign Secretary, but what has Mr Selwyn Lloyd been up to?

Careering round 11 countries, two oceans and one island sea.

Was he fleeing from the British Foreign Office?

He is the head of a highly skilled department that costs £20,000,000 a year, and is responsible indirectly for the spending of another £20,000,000.

It employs 8,318 highly skilled people (in 1914 there were only 350).

Isn't there a man among them who can tell him what is going on?

He is the boss of 60 Ambassadors abroad (there used to be only 11). Doesn't he know them all?

He called many of them from the Middle East to London for a conference on January 7.

Every representative left a post in the danger area—for all the Middle East today is a danger area—so that Mr Lloyd could have the benefit of his judgment and his experience.

### Clue To Muddle

DID they succeed in putting Mr Lloyd "in the picture"?

Well, perhaps the picture changed. Mr Lloyd, two months later, was out in the Middle East with them.

And with Colonel Nasser—on the day that Ghabb Pasha was fired from Amman.

And in Ankara—the day Makarios was "fired" from Cyprus.

And in Jerusalem or somewhere near it on the day that the American Ambassador offered his sympathies to Greece. He even lost by a short head in the race to get to London before Malenkov.

Did he really need to go, or was he only a fugitive from the paper chase?

Mark this paper chase. It may be the clue to the whole muddle.

"Paper" alone, communications they cost it—telegrams (£195,000), telephones (£211,000), carriage and postage (£200,000), messengers and couriers (£200,000) and various other documents coming to a total of £1,231,000—costs exactly two and a half times the sum that the entire British Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service cost in 1914.

### Streamlining

LORD Vansittart told me the other day that he estimated that "paper work" had increased by anything up to twenty times since he entered the service.

How much accumulated while Mr Selwyn Lloyd was away? In 1938 there was a total of 21,000 telegrams and a quarter of a million letters and despatches. Now there's a million and a quarter pounds worth. How much of that does the British Foreign Secretary see?

The British Foreign Office shortened Arthur Henderson's life. It killed Ernest Bevin. It even broke down Mr Eden.

My Lloyd would do well to remember this. His own fate may be tied up with that of his country.

Many people, including Foreign Office men themselves, have urged that the Foreign Office—over-stuffed, old-fashioned—should be streamlined.

Mr Lloyd should short-circuit the labyrinth through which the paper torrent pours today, and find a means of getting the guidance that he and the Government needs, in plain and simple language.

Mr Lloyd should stay at home until he has put his own office in order. When he achieves that there may be no necessity for him to go abroad.

And there may be less muddle in Britain's foreign policy.

## U.S. JITTERS OVER MARINES' MOVE

BY Alexander Broad

Washington. The United States Marine are on the march again—this time in the Mediterranean area. And the Sixth Fleet is on the move—patrolling Israeli and Arab shores.

Here in Washington the politicians are bewildered. Their first reaction was that it was reassuring to have a battalion of Marines in the place where the Marines were coming from, and comforting to have the Sixth Fleet in a place where it might do a little toward reminding potential belligerents that "Pax Americana" is not a brand of toothpaste.

Then they began to get the jitters. They remembered that nobody had any authority to use U.S. forces to keep the peace.

### CANNOT ACT

To be sure, there is a document, filed away somewhere, and dated May 25, 1950, in which the United States, along with Britain and France, promised and swore to keep the peace along Israel's frontiers and to take action against anyone who broke it.

The only trouble is that no one has asked Congress for permission to act on it. And the Administration is also sworn not to get into any wars without asking Congress first.

Furthermore, the Administration is not quite sure which side it is on if it is on any side in the dispute. The President's advisers know where their oil comes from. They also know that the United States cannot on moral grounds, stand by and see Israel wiped out either boldly, in battle, or slowly in a war of attrition.

But though everyone knows that Communist guns have, theoretically, weighed the balance in favour of Egypt, no one is yet prepared to supply weapons to Israel.

PIERRE POUJADE is really three men. There is the platform Poujade: big, square-jawed, smooth—a man who can play an audience the way Albert Schweitzer plays on a pipe organ. If you sit and watch an audience of suspicious, frugal French tradesmen abandon their normal scepticism in a wave of emotion you can see the ghost of Adolf Hitler re-embodied.

There is the shopkeeper Poujade: slow-talking, polite, deadly earnest, bitter. If you stand with him in a circle of small shopkeepers, discussing their problems, wondering when the tax officers will arrive to close their shutters and sell up their shops; wondering, secretly, where their children will find tomorrow's dinner, you can understand Poujade's success.

### Third Man

AND there is Poujade the man: a scantly educated, the instrument of a force much bigger than himself, a little bewildered, perhaps, even a little frightened.

The third Poujade does not often emerge. But you can encounter him now and then more frequently day by day. When he is asked what he will do now, what his policies really are, what his final goal is, you can see him waver as he repeats the inevitable evasions.

It is possible that the second Poujade and the third Poujade will eventually combine to calm the first. But it is also possible that the success of the first Poujade will mean the death of the other two.

Six months ago it was the fashion to dismiss Poujade with a small laugh. Now it is the horror—a new menace in a

nation already quaking under the impact of a dozen political and social threats.

It is probable that both fashions obscure the facts.

Pierre Poujade was born 36 years ago in the department of Lot, deep in the declining south of France. His father was an impoverished builder and Pierre was his seventh child.

At 13 he left school. At first he was a printer's apprentice, then, in rapid succession, errand boy, farm worker, and a labourer working on the roads.

### Not Much Hope

THE rapid succession of his jobs testified more to the instability of the area than to the instability of Poujade. The population of Lot has declined by 50 per cent in 50 years. Industry is almost non-existent. Where it does exist it is failing. The peasants eke out a bare living on an average of between 40 and 50 acres of not very fertile land.

In Lot no one has much hope, and any passing demagogue is sure of a following if he will only list the local fears and sing them loudly. Such a demagogue was Jacques Doriot, the Fascist leader of pre-war France, and Poujade joined his youth movement.

His membership did not last long. But he heard about and accepted the "plot" theory of history: the glib trick of explaining every evil on some mysterious scapegoat—the Jews, the Reds, the Vatican, the Bureaucracy. It is unlikely that Poujade, in his youth, ever saw a real live Jew. They are rare in that part of France. Yet he has never forgotten Doriot's theory that the Jews were at the back of all his troubles. Because he did not encounter Jews, the theory somehow became plausible. It is easy to believe the worst of men you have never seen.

War came, and Poujade enjoyed himself for a time as a young man loosely attached to Doriot's organisation, in the "unoccupied" France of Marshal Petain. Then the Germans took over and he changed his mind quickly.

### Hard Work

HE fled to North Africa and then to England, where he became a sergeant in the RAF.

At the end of the war, he returned to France and became an artisan. By dint of phenomenal hard work he managed to scrape together enough money to buy a small stationer's shop in St Cere.

St Cere also lay in France's depressed area. When he bought his shop the town already had one shop for every 12 inhabitants.

Furthermore, he had married while he was in North Africa and he had, by then, four small children. Life was not easy.

But he had no political ambitions until one day he

learned that the tax inspectors were planning to visit 30 shops in the town. Their owners told him their trouble—if they had to pay up, they would certainly go bankrupt.

Poujade had an idea. One shopkeeper was helpless against the tax men. Thirty might not be. When the tax men arrived they found all the shops barred and shuttered. They shrugged and went away.

Next time they came they found every shop in town closed. The army might have been able to batter its way in; the tax collectors were helpless. And the tax collectors could hardly call in the army.

Poujade had won a victory. It took the government two years to charge him formally with incitement to civil disobedience. The charge was laid last October. It has still to be heard.

In the intervening two years, Poujade had become a hero to every shopkeeper in the country.

### Open Rebellion

THERE is nothing mysterious about his success. He and his followers are twentieth century Luddites. They are in open rebellion against a social situation which has made it impractical for the small tradesman and artisan to compete against larger organisations.

In France these Luddites are not at any time a joke. Very nearly half the adult population falls into the "self-employed" category. In most Western countries the proportion is very much smaller. Only one Briton in 20, for instance, is self-employed.

Poujade v. the Bureaucracy was therefore a case of interest, in one way or another, to every Frenchman. The more often Poujade and his supporters defied the taxmen, the more popular they became. Big corporations and chain stores are efficient enough to pay their taxes. Small shopkeepers and artisans are not. Every time Poujade and his mob invaded a government auction and bought back a seized shop for pennies, there was an audible sigh of relief from Lille to Nice.

And, strangely, the movement began to spread even beyond the shopkeepers and artisans. It struck a sympathetic chord among people alienated alike by the machinations of big business, the state control of the Socialists and the totalitarian ideology of the Communists. It exploited every extreme emotion from anti-Communism to anti-Semitism.

### A Surprise

POUJADE has had invitations to visit Canada, Britain and the United States. A Poujadist party contested the recent elections in Greece.

France is not the only country with Luddites.

And, in France, the Poujadist success at the polls came as a surprise only to the professional politicians.

The curious thing about the movement, of course, is that it is hard to decide whether it is essentially good or evil.

Most reasonable men would probably agree that the twentieth century movement towards mass production, mass thinking, and mass action is badly in need of a check. On the other hand, a fight to preserve a situation in which it is possible to have one shop for every 12 inhabitants is clearly a fight for the ridiculous.

### All Emotion

NEITHER Poujade nor anyone else can suggest what sort of society would make such a situation tolerable. His only political suggestion has been that the National Assembly should be withdrawn and the Estates General recalled.

The Estates General happens to be a body which used to sit before the French Revolution, to advise the King. It was composed of representatives from the various strata and sections of society. But there is no King to choose it now—days. It used to list the things each segment wanted and the King decided who was to get what. But, again, there is no King.

And Poujade has never said who is to replace the King. Unless, of course, it be Pierre Poujade.

Meanwhile, he and his movement live on emotion. And emotion breeds violence. There was Poujadist violence at the elections—meetings broken up, speakers mobbed, hero and there a nose bloodied.

The violence was not serious, but it was an indicator.

What will happen when the Poujadists discover that they are unlikely, in the end, to get their way—that only dictatorship can make the shops pay or restore craftsmanship in the face of competition from mass production and not even they can make the world drink all the wine France can produce?

### Perilous

WILL their bitterness grow with their frustration and bear real violence? Will the Poujadists finally draw up a full-scale plan for a totalitarian state which will enforce their demands?

If they do, will their supporters realise that there is nothing to be gained in replacing one sort of compulsion with another, one set of rules for the mass mind with another set of rules for the mass mind?

There are no answers.

There is, perhaps, one very slim chance of a solution to the problem. The situation Poujade wants, after all, is the sort of situation which prevailed in medieval Europe. It is even possible that some people would find a renewed Feudalism desirable, and possible that some one could devise a way to bring it about.

The danger is that the half way house to Feudalism is the Corporate State of Mussolini—and just behind that is the Nazi State of Adolf Hitler.

If Poujadism grows, Europe will face a perilous experiment.

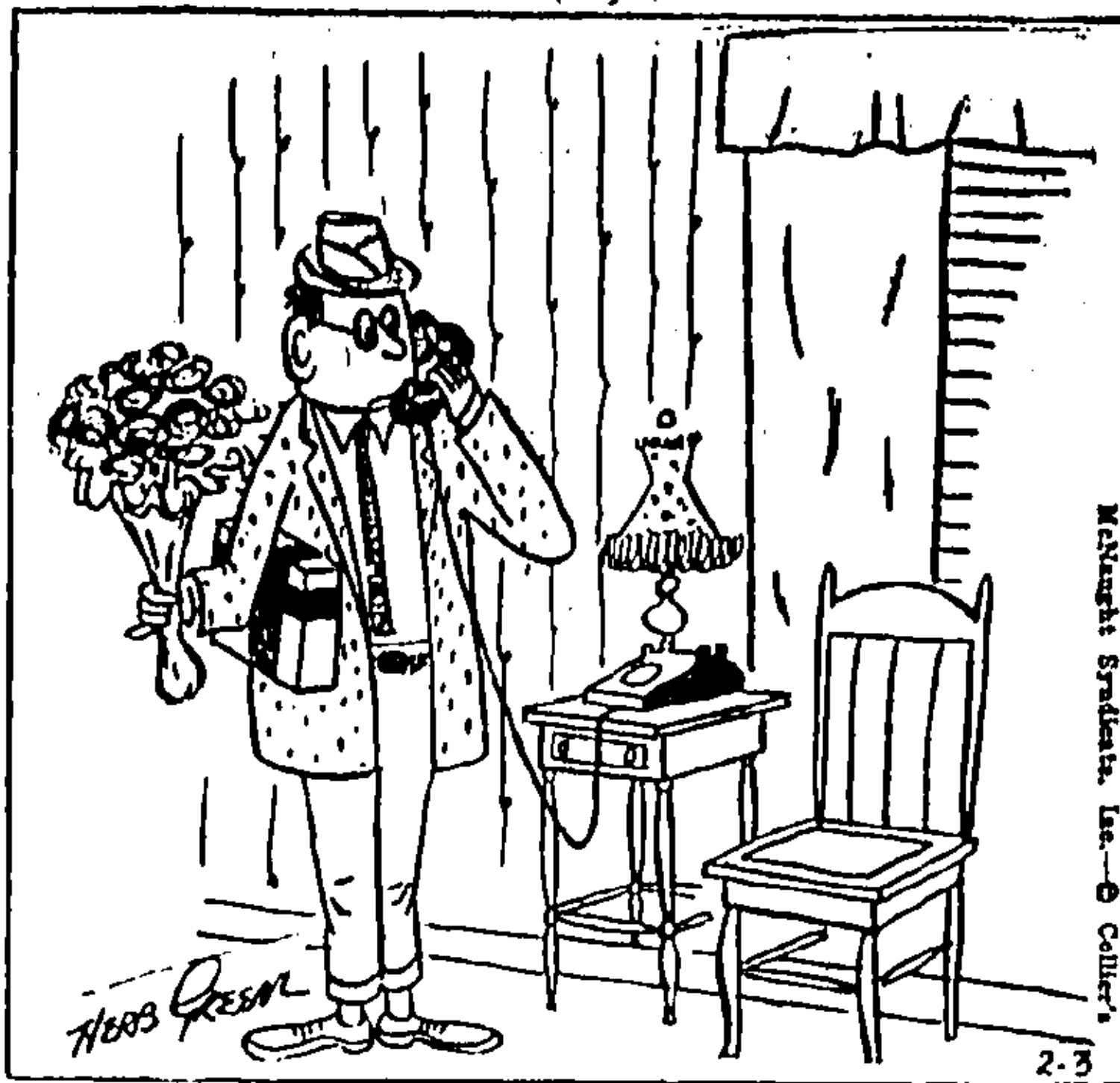


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## This Funny World



"I hate to break our date, Harold, but... Reggie! Stop!... I have a perfectly terrible headache!"

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

SOME aesthetes are about to attack the drum-beating record. I should have thought that a genuine music-lover would have chosen some other instrument—the triangle, perhaps, or the xylophone.

They say that when the present holder of the drumming record had been at it for just over 50 hours, a woman up from the counter asked the place where he was hammering away. Being a music-lover, she went in and was just in time to see him (and after the 734,626th whack). What piece was he playing? He asked the time-keeper.

The breaking of any record confers prestige today, and the world goes round that the holder of the record for slitting fish-scales or polishing foghorn-containers is a certain neighborhood. But come the autograph hunters like a herd of stampeding buffalo in a film.

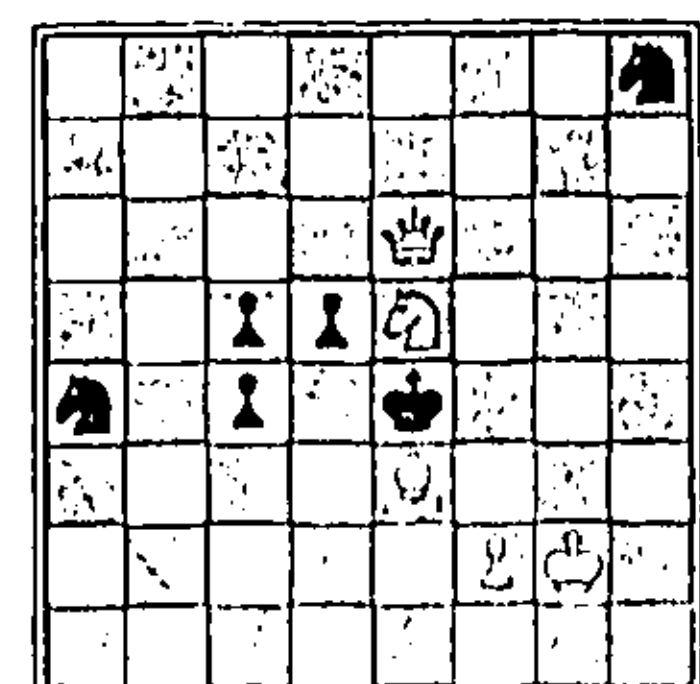
## Fragrant moments

I SEE that a gramophone record of Mrs. Dietrich's songs gives off her favourite scent. It should be a best-seller, says Jody Jack Hopkins.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By V. K. CHARI

Black, 6 pieces.



White, 5 pieces.  
White to play, mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. P-K7, any; 2. Q-R, B (ch), K1, or P (ch, or-Q, or B) mates.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

BORN today, you have a powerful mind, a keen sense of humor and a native which seems to take everything in full stride—ill wind or fair. No matter what happens, you are equal to the emergency and can cope with all kinds of people under varying circumstances. You have essentially a happy nature and everyone enjoys your company. Since you know how to handle people and are a good organizer, you should find yourself at the head of some large organization at an early age.

Fond of the arts, especially painting and music, you may have considerable talent in these fields yourself, or it is more likely that you will reserve them for a hobby rather than a vocation. You may, especially, will probably find yourself interested in politics and might serve your country in some position of significant importance in public life.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20): You may have a brilliant idea today, but unless you put it into operation at once, it is lost.  
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): If contemplating a journey, then this could be a good day to start, especially if it has business implications.  
GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your intuitions may be right, so follow them, especially when it comes to an employment opportunity.  
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Don't swim against the tide. Wait until it turns before you act. Make plans, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There may be confidential matters which need your close attention. Take care of them efficiently now.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make worthwhile progress despite seeming obstacles. Take things slow and easy.

You have strong emotions and once someone has been accepted as a friend, it is for life. You will be most content if you wed at an early age; for you find your happiest moments when you are with your own. As a rule, you will want others to join you in your own home rather than venture out to public entertainments. Your marriage should be an exceptionally contented one.

Among those born on this date are: Louis XVIII (France); William Harrigan, actor; Ruth Hanna McCormick, stateswoman; Gloria Steinem, writer; Genevieve Ward, actress; David Brainerd Lyman, noted preacher; and George S. Coe, financier.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 19): A journey may put you in contact with important people who can further your best interests.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think before you act and you may be able to make a decision important to your future.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21): What you do today determines the degree of your ultimate success. Be wise in everything, for nothing.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Ruffing Power Is Unnecessary

By OSWALD JACOBY

PERHAPS today's contract is slightly overbid, but it isn't at all unreasonable. South should make his game contract against normal breaks.

East wins the first trick with the ace of hearts and returns a trump. How should South proceed?

If South can ruff twice in the dummy, he is pretty sure to make 10 tricks. The trouble with such a plan, however, is that South must let the opponents take a club trick before he can ruff a club in dummy. The defenders will then lead a second trump, leaving only one trump in the dummy. Since South cannot manage to ruff twice in dummy with only one trump he must give up this attractive plan.

Because short suits will not work, South must rely on a long suit. The idea is to establish dummy's long diamonds.

At the second trick South can win the trump return in either hand, but he must return a diamond and play low from both

hands. If trumps are returned, South wins in his own hand, leads a diamond to the ace, and ruffs a third round of diamonds with a high trump.

This establishes dummy's long suit, and South gets to dummy with a third round of trumps to the jack. This draws all of the outstanding trumps and puts declarer in dummy at the same time. Now he can cash the high diamonds, obtaining all the tricks he needs for his game contract.

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## WOMANSENSE

BALMAIN AFTERNOON DRESS



"Julietta," by Pierre Balmain, is an afternoon dress of white organdie with black polka dots. A wide band in black organdie enhances the diagonally pleated bodice and gives it a high waist effect.—Agence France-Presse.

## Appliance Makers Seek To Eliminate Stoop And Droop In The Kitchen

Chicago. THE "no-stoop, no-droop" kitchen is the aim of America's appliance makers.

The key to eliminating stoop are the appliances built in at the homemaker's working level.

And the cure for drooping spirit comes from the bright, new colours that make the kitchen as lively as the nursery.

The recent home furnishings market showed how far manufacturers have come toward their double goal.

## NEW TREND

New units are constructed to be incorporated into cabinets, put into the wall or used at table top level. The trend applies to refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, washing machines and driers. One refrigerator is built lengthwise to be installed at counter height. A freezing unit takes the place of a cabinet drawer.

Washing and drying machines can be placed side by side, built in off the floor, or placed one above the other.

Heating units for stoves can be installed where the housewife wants them. She no longer is restricted to a standard four-burner arrangement.

White no longer dominates the kitchen. Copper tones soften the white bulk of many appliances.

The two-toned theme of modern automobile styling also

shows up. One manufacturer unveiled a series of kitchens done in what it called "confection colours," such as "frosting pink" and "cinnamon."

Electronic ovens, available as built-in appliances, will cook a turkey in 30 minutes or a four-pound roast in 20. One manufacturer equipped the burners of gas ranges with thermostats so that the heating unit will keep a constant temperature under the pot. The controls also were on griddles.

Among the safety devices is a refrigerator that can be opened from the inside. A washing machine will stop when the door opens and resume its cycle at the point of interruption when closed again.

C. W. Thelen, a General Electric executive, said that the

developments already achieved are "amazing." But he promised more would come, forecasting:

## FORECASTS

"Increasing acceptance of built-in appliances... quick growth of the package kitchen concept, combining almost everything you need for the kitchen-laundry in one unit."

"The electronic oven, which brings extra fast cooking by means of radio waves... dishwashers of even better performance."

"Improved laundry appliances may well be of a continuous feed type, eliminating dirty clothes hamper."

"Some easy means for disposing not only of garbage, but of all the other refuse which is still a part of living in the modern house."—United Press.

## THE ON-OFF COLLAR



A detachable collar of beige American broadtail is a feature of this outfit from Bradley's spring-fall collection. The jacket is worn here, with a coolie hat, by Pamela Bradley.

## TIPS FROM EXPERTS

## Wear Jewels That Suit Your Features

New York JEWELLERY to flatter should fit the face. The woman blessed with the swan-like neck and

perfect oval features can go the limit in choosing earrings and necklaces that are large or small, dramatic or simple. But for the woman with less than perfect features, here are some tips from the Jewellery Industry Council.

If your face is long and narrow, better stick with earrings and necklaces which have a tendency to round out the features. The button type or cluster earrings are the best bet.

If your face is on the round side, think of your jewellery in terms of vertical lines. Choose earrings which have a vertical contour or drop earrings which help to elongate.

If your throat line is heavy, the Council suggests necklaces with more length than chokers, which accent the chin line.

Large rings and bracelets worn in bulk are most becoming on the long, narrow arm and hand. If your hands and wrists are a little heavy, select rings which emphasize length. An emerald cut stone is more flattering than a round one. An oval or oblong ring is more attractive than one that has stones set across. Wear bracelets not too tight at the wrist.

Jewellery also can flatter by keying it to your coloring. Blue eyes, for instance, are emphasized when turquoise or aquamarine jewellery is worn. The brown eyes shades better the brown-eyed brunette.

United Press.

## Household Hints

A little vinegar will counteract excess soda used in a recipe.

It is easy to dry an onion sweater promptly if you spread it over a sheet of plastic on the bed. Wash, rinse and squeeze out the excess water, then shape the sweater with your hands, and when dry, it is ready to wear.

## Pacifiers Often Help Prevent Thumb-Sucking

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MORE and more doctors are recommending the use of pacifiers for children.

For years, many medical men have advised against their use on the grounds they may be habit-forming and tend to increase thumb-sucking. But a great number of doctors now disagree.

A sucking reflex is present in all infants. They get their first nourishment by sucking. For many children, it is also a source of pleasure since it helps them to relax.

This urge to suck is usually satisfied with the thumb. By the time a baby reaches the age of three months, his co-ordination

is good enough to make sucking a purposeful act.

If thumb-sucking becomes a habit, as it frequently does, it sometimes continues for several years. Any parent who has tried to break his youngster of this habit knows what a job it is.

Dr. Louis F. Rittelmeyer, Jr., of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, suggests that pacifiers can help prevent thumb-sucking.

He cites tests conducted by the college's Family Care Programme to support his contention. In only three percent of

the cases, did the pacifier fail to prevent thumb-sucking.

One of the chief values the pacifier has as a preventative of thumb-sucking, he says, is that it is seldom difficult to discard.

While a thumb is always available at the flick of a wrist, a pacifier is not. If the temptation is more than an arm's length away, Dr. Rittelmeyer says, a habit is more easily broken.

Ordinarily, he says, children give up a pacifier voluntarily before the age of 2. Any time after the second birthday, he points out, parents usually can "lose" the pacifier without fearing development of thumb-sucking.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Mr. Punch Mumbles

—He Explains He's Learning Different Languages—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, came waddling over to Knarf and Hand and said in a startled voice: "I don't know what's the matter with Mr. Punch. He's walking up and down the room with his hands behind his back, mumbling!"

"Mumbling?" said Knarf. "What is he mumbling?"

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, didn't know so they all went into Mr. Punch's room to see why he was walking up and down with his hands behind his back and what it was that he was mumbling.

## Hard To Understand

They opened the door and looked in. Sure enough, there he was, walking up and down with his hands behind his back. They couldn't tell what he was mumbling because mumbling is hard to understand.

At this moment, Mr. Punch suddenly stopped walking up and down. He looked up and saw Knarf and Hand and Teddy standing in the doorway. He stopped mumbling and called them to come in.

"Why are you doing what you're doing?" Teddy asked him.

"Doing?" said Mr. Punch. "Mumbling," said Knarf.

## On A Trip

"I'm studying how to say 'How d'ya do?'" said Mr. Punch. "In different languages because one of these days I'm likely to go on a trip around the world. And there is nothing so pleasant as being able to say 'How d'ya do?' to different people in different nations."

Here, Teddy interrupted to ask why you couldn't just say

"How d'ya do?" to everybody just like that.

"What's there to study?"

Hand said: "Teddy dear, don't you know that different people speak different languages?"

"They do?" said Teddy.

"Now, when I get to France," said Mr. Punch, "this is how I'll say 'How d'ya do?' to a Frenchman. I'll say, 'Comment ca va?'"

Hearing this, Knarf, Hand and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, all repeated "Comment ca va?" in the same way. One of these days they might go travelling around the world, too.

"And," continued Mr. Punch, "when I get to Germany, I'll say

"Wie geht's?" repeated Knarf, Hand and Teddy.

"In Spain

"And when I get to Spain," said Mr. Punch, "I'll say 'How d'ya do?' to a Spaniard. I'll say, 'Como esta Usted?'"

Knarf, Hand and Teddy repeated: "Como esta Usted?"

"And, when I get to Italy," said Mr. Punch, "I'll say 'How d'ya do?' to an Italian like this: I'll say, 'Come stai?'"



Teddy walked around with his hands behind his back.

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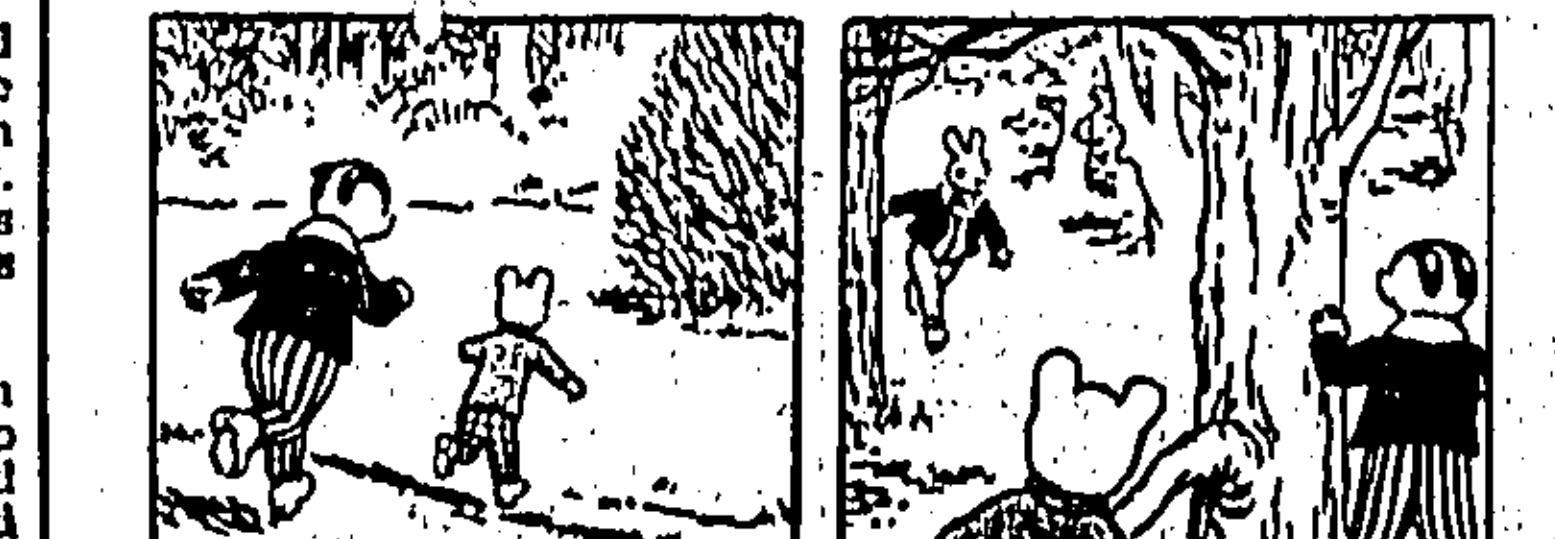
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## Rupert and the Black Circle—4



After seeing the odd looking men below them Rupert told Bill of Bingo and the voices. "Well, those men are certainly strangers. They may be the ones Bingo heard," says Bill. "Come along, let's get a bit nearer to them. Crossing the fence they scamper

downhill and enter the wood beside the track. Almost at once there is the sound of someone running and Reggie Rabbit appears through the trees. He makes straight for them. "Whatever's the matter?" asks Rupert. "You look quite scared," says Reggie.



## LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

# RAMON YOUNG TO MEET EBRAHIM IN COLONY OPEN MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Two schoolboys — Wong Siu-kwong and Wong Wai-hung — stole the show in last night's 1956 Colony Open Senior Badminton Championships when they extended seasoned players M. A. Ebrahim and the defending Singles Champion, Ramon Young in what turned out to be the best matches of the night's programme.

Wong, last year's triple Junior Champion made M. A. Ebrahim fight all the way in the marathon three set match before bowing out at 10-15, 15-6, 15-5 while Wong Wai-hung turned in a surprise packet to hold the Colony Thomas Cup player Ramon Young to a hard fought two set match which went to Colony Champion at 15-7, 15-12.

A near upset was in the Senior Mixed Doubles semi-finals when second seeded Herbert Tay and Miss Helen Kwong just managed to survive off defeat when they met Jimmy Koo and Miss Stella Correa in one of the two Mixed Doubles matches of the evening.

With Tay and Helen Kwong (CCC) uncertain of their strokes and coupled with their continuous errors through mishits, Koo and partner shot ahead to leads of 8-2 and 12-4 in the opening set. Here a determined stand by the CCC pair nearly earned them a decent but a drop shot by Tay into the net and an outcourt return by Helen Kwong took the score to 14-12. A smash by Koo to an empty space finished the set at 15-12.

Tay and Kwong, warned up to the fray took the next set without much exertion to win at 15-3. In the third and last set, the combination of Jimmy Koo and Stella Correa worked so smoothly that they were ahead at 8-2 and 8-4.

## A DIFFERENT STORY

At the change of courts, it was a different story altogether. Tay and partner, forced their opponents to play a defensive game and with Helen Kwong

excelling at net interception, Tay, at the back of the court snuffed out all half court returns to tie the score at 8-8. It was 9-9 after several rallies and here Tay and Kwong committed a series of errors to trail 9-12.

When it appeared that the game was as good as over for the CCC pair, back came Tay at his best to reel off six points in a row to take set and match at 15-12. Tay and Helen Kwong will meet Ramon Young and Cander Ho in the Mixed Doubles Final on Wednesday at the Craigatower Cricket Club.

In the other Mixed Doubles semi-finals, Ramon Young and Cander Ho triumphed over Wong Siu-kwong and Dorothy Lam in a tense two set match with Young and Ho winning at 15-5, 15-6.

It was an erratic Wong who seeded the heat of the attack in this encounter. While Young kept Wong Siu-kwong on the run with neat backhand flicks and hard smashes, down the

umpire against Wong and Stella Correa. This must have put them off their stride for their play deteriorated as the game progressed. Young and Cander Ho took set and match without much opposition to win 15-5, 15-6.

In the Men's Open Singles semi-finals M. A. Ebrahim after dropping the first set at 10-15, rallied well in the next set to outplay his younger opponent, Wong Siu-kwong to take the second set at 15-6.

STAMINA FACTOR  
Once again it was stamina factor that brought the downfall of Wong Siu-kwong. Wong started off in grand style in the opening set and his points came to him without very much effort. But in subsequent sets his strokes which hitherto had been accurate started to leave the court by as much as five inches.

Ebrahim, sensing his opponent was fast tiring out resorted to a drop and lob tactics early in the second set and to his credit he not only scored as he pleased but also won the complete match over Wong in all departments. It was a very tired Wong that took to the court in the deciding set and it became evident that he had shot his bolt. He made no attempt to go for the out-of-reach shot. Ebrahim served off point after point to take set and match at 15-15, 15-6, 15-5.

In the Men's Doubles semi-finals, Robert Tay and K. C. Wong scored a run away victory over F. M. Rozario and J. A. Soares to win 15-3, 15-5 to enter the final where they will meet Thailand's Suphaphon and Kamol Sulvanit tonight.

The Thailand pair is expected to win the Colony Doubles title without any difficulty but if Robert Tay and K. C. Wong play their usual game they might upset the favoured Thais.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Following are the results of yesterday's matches:

## Senior Mixed Doubles

Semi-Finals  
Robert Tay and Miss Helen Kwong beat Jimmy Koo and Miss Stella Correa, 12-15, 15-3, 15-12.

## Men's Singles

Semi-Finals  
M. A. Ebrahim beat S. K. Wong, 10-15, 15-6, 15-5.

Ramon Young beat Wong Wai-hung, 15-7, 15-12.

## Men's Senior Doubles

Semi-Finals  
Robert Tay and K. C. Wong beat F. M. Rozario and J. A. Soares, 15-3, 15-5.

## TONIGHT'S FINALS

At CCC  
8.15 p.m. — Senior Men's Singles—Ramon Young v M. A. Ebrahim.

8.45 p.m. — Senior Ladies' Singles—Miss Helen Kwong v Miss Diana Yung.

9.15 p.m. — Senior Men's Doubles—Southern Suphaphon and Kamol Sulvanit v Robert Tay and K. C. Wong.

## Sir Patil Signs Professional For Nantwich

London, Mar. 26.

Sir Patil, a medium fast bowler, who played for India against New Zealand last December, has signed as a professional for Nantwich, the North Staffordshire League Cricket Club.

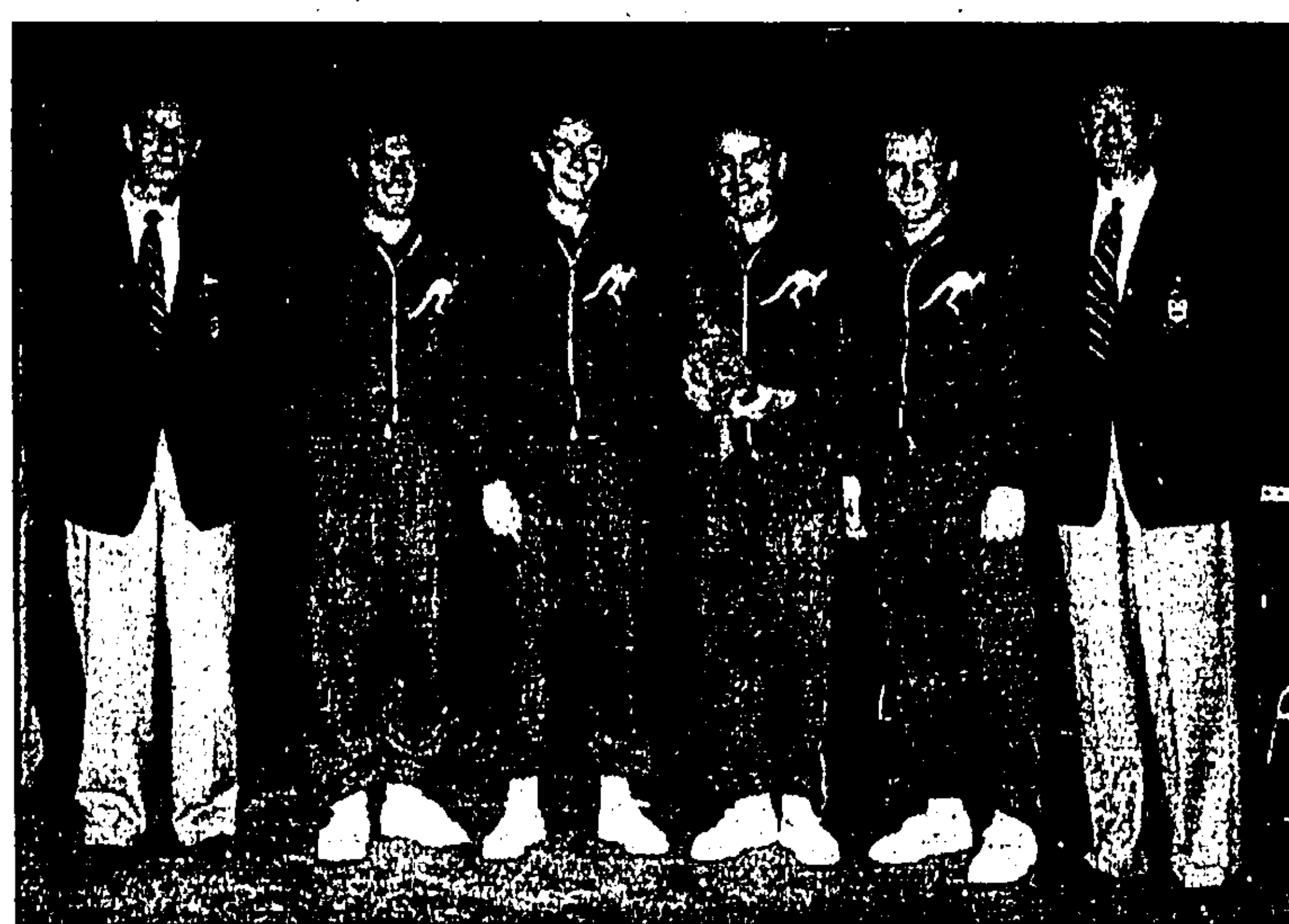
This will be his first visit to England.—France-Press.

## TT TEAMS FOR WORLD TOURNEY



England's Table Tennis team pictured at Kai Tak on their arrival yesterday en route for the World Championships at Tokyo from April 2-7. From left: V. Barna, Johnny Lench, Richard Bergmann, Miss Ann Haydon, B. Kennedy, I. Montagu (Team Manager) and Miss Diane Rowe.

## AUSTRALIAN TEAM



Australia's team for the World Table Tennis Championships at Tokyo pictured before the exhibition matches against the Colony's top notchers at the Southern Playground last night. The visiting team lost 9-0 to Hongkong's Sih Su-chu, Lau Sek-fong and Chung Chin-seng.

In picture from left: A. G. Cooper, G. Jennings, P. Anderson, A. Robinson, V. Matison and R. H. Jones.—China Mail Photos.

## TABLE TENNIS

### Australian Team Beaten 9-0

Hongkong's Sih Su-chu, Lau Sek-fong and Chung Chin-seng handed out a 9-0 trouncing to the visiting Australian table tennis team in an exhibition match at the Southern Playground last night.

The Australians en route to Tokyo for the World Table Tennis Championships found the Colony players far too superior in every department.

## LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS:

21-17, 21-15: Lau Sek-fong beat A. Robinson.  
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Following is to-night's programme at Southern playground, commencing at 8 p.m.:

Chung Chin-sing v G. Jennings; Sih Su-chu v A. Robinson; Lau Sek-fong v P. Anderson; Chung Chin-sing v V. Matison (Singles).

A. Robinson and G. Jennings v Sih Su-chu and Lau Sek-fong; Chung Chin-sing and Chung Chin-sing (Doubles).

G. Jennings and Wong Eik-yiu v Sih Su-chu and Chan Yee-ching (Mixed Doubles).

Additional games to be played only if the above programme finishes before 10 p.m.—G. Jennings v Sih Su-chu; Chung Chin-sing v A. Robinson.

## STARTING TIMES FOR SHANGHAI VISITORS' GOLF CUP DRAW

Following are the draw and starting times for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup to be played over both Courses at Fanling on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956:

A.M. Old Course	New Course P.M.
9.12 T. R. MacLean	R. R. Coombs 1.10
9.10 R. D. Johnston	J. K. Watson 1.12
9.20 W. H. Robertson	P. D. Stadden 1.20
9.24 L. H. Robinson	S. S. Gordon 1.22
9.22 W. D. Leighton	A. F. Sutcliffe 1.30
9.32 C. Van der Touw	F. C. B. Black 1.32
9.30 D. L. Anderson	D. Shaw 1.40
9.40 E. W. D. Gore	J. F. Shoemaker 1.42
9.44 A. D. Duffy	W. N. Gray 1.50
9.48 F. C. Bradell	A. Macdonald 1.52
9.52 P. R. Zeeman	K. U. Drung 2.00
	J. J. Cowperthwaite 2.02
A.M. New Course	Old Course P.M.
9.12 A. V. White	L. G. King 1.10
9.10 W. G. Robertson	W. L. T. Cruden 1.12
9.20 D. S. Proghet	R. K. Collins 1.20
9.24 E. S. Russell	W. Stoker 1.22
9.22 E. C. Brown	J. R. McAusland 1.30
9.32 B. A. Anderson	A. Laroche 1.32
9.30 K. B. Kinghorn	N. F. Downie 1.40
9.40 J. L. Kay	A. W. C. Villiers 1.42
9.44 L. G. Saville	R. M. H. 1.50
9.48 G. E. Zimmern	F. H. Warner 2.00
9.52 K. Chow	G. E. Willerton 2.02
9.50 R. J. Clarke	

With two down, H. D. M. Barton, being third with a return of three down.

## Handicap Revisions

The following handicap revisions have recently been released—W. D. Leighton 4, E. W. D. Gore 18, Wm. Coward 20.

Major O. C. Payne held the 93 yards No. 6 hole at Deep Water Bay in one stroke on March 22. The event was later celebrated in the usual way.

Members are advised that there have been several changes in the Fanling local rules. These will come into force during the Easter holidays and players are required to make themselves fully acquainted with them.

A number of copies of the New Rules of Golf, effective January 1956, are now available at Clubhouse, those wishing to obtain a copy may do so at the Bar on payment of a small charge. Copies may also be obtained at the office.

Deep Water Bay  
The Floodlit Practice Range at Deep Water Bay will be open from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until further notice and it is hoped that members will avail themselves of this opportunity for a little practice in the evenings.

## RUGGER

## Seven-A-Side Tourney Opens This Afternoon At Club Ground

By "PAK LO"

With the beginning of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side this afternoon the last tournament of this season begins. All the games today will take place on the Club ground with the first kick-off scheduled for 4.30 p.m., and will form part of the first and second rounds, the remainder of which will take place tomorrow, with the third round to be played off on Thursday and the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final occurring on Saturday afternoon.

This year in comparison to last year's record of 54 entries there are only 35 entrants, but it is highly unlikely there will be so many last-minute cancellations as occurred in the first rounds last season. Last year's winners, 72 LAA have of course left the Colony and will not be represented.

It is as usual an unenviable task to try and pick the outright winners, but it would seem reasonable that the King's Own "A" should proceed to the quarter-finals along with the Club "A" and the HK Signals "A", the other quarter-finalist is too wide open to make any estimation about until the tournament enters its third round.

Even those three teams mentioned above may very easily come a cropper long before the quarter-finals, and some as yet unknown Sevens may become the eventual winners.

As these matches are purely and solely for charity there will be a gate charged to all rounds. This gate will include everyone except the actual players, and it is hoped that all those interested in rugger will rally round. Programmes will also be on sale from today at \$1.00. For the last time I have been asked to repeat that if a Sevens falls to turn up on time, they will be scratched from the Tournament without hesitation, and no private arrangements as regards playing off games between two teams except as scheduled will be permitted under any circumstances. I have also been asked to remind the various Sevens taking part that they must supply a touchjudge, though referees will be supplied.

## THE EIGHTH MAN

One point which invariably crops up concerns the eighth man. He may play up to and including the semi-finals, but after the semi-finals the same team that played in the semi-finals must be fielded for the final even if it means playing with less than seven men.

Nor is it permissible to switch the eighth man. In other words once the eighth man has played, a newcomer may not appear as the extra eighth man. The eighth man can only be replaced by the member of the Sevens he originally replaced.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

The games for today are as follows:

4.30 p.m. Opposum "A" v RASC.

4.50 p.m. Police "B" v 3 Ind.

5.10 p.m. Club "B" v Club Imperdables.

5.30 p.m. RAF Kai Tak v KCV Old Boys.

5.50 p.m. Old Crooks v Way-foong.

6.10 p.m. Modesto v St. Brides Bay.

6.30 p.m. Club "A" v Opposum "B".

In effect there are therefore six teams this afternoon called from the Club, while the Army supplies two and the RAF and Police one each and the Navy four.

## Moore-Pompey

## World Title Bout

On June 5

London, Mar. 26.

The World Light-Heavyweight title fight on June 5 between the holder, Archie Moore, of the U.S., and Volante Pompey, of Trinidad, will take place in the 10,000-capacity Harringway Arena, it was announced today.

The fight, which was postponed earlier this year, was originally booked for the 80,000-capacity White City Stadium.

The promoter, Jack Seligson, said today: "This means that thousands of people will be disappointed."

He added that he had been assured Moore would arrive in London weeks before the fight.

Moore, who is 34, has won 110 fights, 100 by decision, 10 by knockout.

Pompey, who is 24, has won 12 fights, 10 by decision, 2 by knockout.

The referee stopped the fight because of an eye injury to Pompey, who is listed as a contender for the world title.

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## Soccer Star Returns To Wembley Stadium On May 5

London, Mar. 26.

A soccer star who probably once hoped he would never see Wembley Stadium again returns there on May 5 to play in the 1956 English Cup final.

He is Gilbert Merrick, goalkeeper for Birmingham City, who met Manchester City for England's most treasured football trophy.

Merrick had one of the greatest humiliations a goalkeeper could have when he saw the ball pass him six times when playing for England against Hungary at Wembley on a misty November day in 1953 when England lost her prized 100 per cent home record against overseas countries.

"Merrick will play for England no more," they said after that match. But he did. And in his next appearance—the return match against Hungary in Budapest six months later—Merrick lifted the ball out of the back of the net seven times.

"What did we tell you," sneered the cynics. "Merrick is finished. His confidence is gone. He's suffering from 'Hungarianitis'."

Still the England selectors persevered and Merrick again stood between the posts in the 1954 World Cup matches in Switzerland. Eight more goals passed him, and this time it was the end. Merrick has not since played for his country.

But though the England selectors finally lost faith in Merrick, his club refused to do so. They felt convinced that the burly six-foot local boy who joined them before world war two would regain his old form.

He did. Last season Merrick helped Birmingham rise from the Second to the First Division. Now he has helped them reach their second Cup Final in history.

Merrick has conceded only two goals in Birmingham's five cup matches this season and was easily the best defender in his team's 3-0 victory over Sunderland in the semi-finals.

He is unlikely to have another nightmare experience like that against Hungary, when Birmingham, the favourites, met Manchester City at Wembley six weeks from now.—China Mail Special.

## BRITISH ISLES TOURNEY

### Hashim Khan Wins Squash Title For The Sixth Year

London, Mar. 26.

The Duke of Edinburgh saw a new record set up for the British Isles Open Squash Rackets Championship at the Lansdowne Club here tonight.

He presented the winner's trophy to Hashim Khan, the 41-year-old Pakistani player, who, by the defeat of his cousin, Roshan Khan in the final 9-4, 9-2, 5-0 and 9-5, won the title for the sixth successive year.—France-Press.

## Australian Beats

## World Ranking

## Boxer On Points

Sydney, Mar. 26.

Kevin James, Australian lightweight boxing champion, scored one of his best victories tonight when he beat world ranking Pierre Cosmeaux of Belgium in the ninth round of their 12 rounds contest here.

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## THE GAMBOLS





## Barton Will Probably Remain Champion For A Long While

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Cruiserweight night at Harringay on March 13 was one big disappointment. Two young men, one from sunny Trinidad, the other from the murky East End of London fought with their eyes set on the World Championship goal. Both won, but so unsatisfactorily that their joint aim seemed as distant as before the evening started.

Yolande Pompey took seven laborious rounds to beat the Detroit Negro Moses Ward who, after all, was little more than a Middleweight and Ron Barton floundered his way to an eight rounds' victory over the Croydon veteran Albert Finch. The results were as expected for the favourites, but there was little grace in the manner of them.

Pompey clinches his right to a World title tilt at Archie Moore next June and Barton is British Champion after only two years as a professional and a dozen bad fights to his record. On their Harringay showings, however, there seems little future for either beyond where they have got. Barton, as I have said before, has lost his early promise and his Championship is too poor. His devastating punch has disappeared and he seems to have lost his savour for his trade. Pompey has one weapon in his armory to defeat the wiles and experience of Moore—knock-out punch, but it was non-existent against Ward.

### BELOW THE CLASS

Barton will probably remain Champion for a long while simply because there is no one below the Heavyweights to resent him, but a fit and eager Randolph Turpin, and that fight seems very improbable. Yet that still leaves Barton far below the class we all expected he would reach. There is time yet and plenty, of course, for him to improve back to his old standard but other than the Americans and one or two not-so-hot Continentals, the only man he can meet just now is Yolande Pompey, and the West Indian is not likely to get into the ring.

## Preparations For World Table Tennis Nearing Completion

Tokyo, Mar. 26. Preparations for the 1956 World Table Tennis Championships opening in Tokyo on April 2, are nearing completion. The preparation committee reports the renovation of the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, site of the 10-day Championships, will be completed by April 1.

The large gymnasium can accommodate more than 10,000 persons. A committee official said the interior of the gymnasium will be kept dark during the Championships except for lamps which will illuminate the players and the 10 tables reserved for the games. Representatives from 22 countries are expected to compete. The first group of foreign competitors arrived in Tokyo last night by chartered plane.

There were 53 persons from 11 countries. Hotel accommodations prepared in advance were ready to receive them, extra cots have been hired to staff the kitchens, the hotels reported. Dai-kuo Okada, Executive Director of the Japan Table Tennis Association said all out efforts are being made to provide good facilities for the participants.—Reuter.

## Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the..... Club.

(Signed).....

## AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION



The Australian Amateur Athletic Championships were held here recently at Olympic Park, scene of the forthcoming Olympic Games. More than 30,000 spectators attended the events each day. Picture shows Hector Hogan, Australia's 100 and 200-yard Champion, winning the 220-yard title. Hogan, co-holder of the world's 100-yard record at 9.3 sec., won the 100-yard event in 9.7 sec. and the 220-yard in 21.3 sec.—Express Photo.

Charnley said: "I have watched McCarthy so many times in the ring and in training that I feel sure I can beat him. I know I am the heavier puncher and that will be a great help." Somehow, I still have an inclination towards McCarthy, but Charnley is probably the heaviest punching British Lightweight since Kid Berg, and one punch can pay off any time against all the points a boxer, pure and simple, can accumulate.

Another ex-Army Champion, George Dorrner, was on the same bill at Seymour Hall, London, and I liked the handy way he scored a points victory over the very useful Ron Johnson. Dorrner could very well train on to become a successful performer. As ex-Sergeant Major Fred V. Lander said to me, the Army could very well provide four champions before 1956 is out.

Alderman William McKee, round, place-taker, vice-chairman of Newcastle United, a former Member of Parliament for Durham and ex-Lord Mayor of Newcastle, is at variance with his brother director Mr. Stanley Seymour over club policy, but they are united in their views about the Players' Union.

Not so long ago at Brighton, Mr. Seymour decried West Ham United's continental training methods to me and then said: "The day the Players' Union calls a strike will be the last day of the Players' Union's existence." He looked to be wrong when Jimmy Guthrie went to Wolverhampton and returned saying the Wolves' players were unanimously in favour of the floodlight ban and the Bilbao match was called off. Since then, however, the Wanderers have stated that the decision was only by a narrow majority and a number of absent players might easily have tipped the balance the other way.

I still insist, and have told Mr. Guthrie so, that his Union members are barely fifty per cent behind him.

### JOINED FORCES

Now Alderman McKee has joined forces with Mr. Seymour in a stand against Mr. Guthrie's organisation. "A 'closed shop' must not be tolerated," he said, "if the clumsy grip of Trade Unionism seizes the reins of football it will be a sorry day for our National sport. We have heard of a 'closed shop' and a 'boycott', next some player will be sent to Coventry and after that someone will think up a strike on the eve of the Cup Final or players instructed to 'train to rule'." So we will go on, threat-ridden, strike-ridden and Union-ridden until the game folds up.

Sport has indeed come to a sorry pass. Alderman McKee wants a clause inserted in the players' contracts to the effect that they will withdraw from any organisation which incites them not to carry out their legal obligations. That would be a mistake just now for prospects of peace are rosy.

Alderman McKee made the point that the majority of the money paid at the turnstiles comes from Trade Unionists but it must be remembered that in many cases it is businessmen directors who are not Trade Unionists who guarantee at the bank the continued existence of many Clubs. I would say that a third of the Third Division Clubs could not continue if it were not for the backing of these men. May be many of them do it for personal prestige but that does not alter the fact that they are the sponsoring bodies.

## Sports Diary

### TODAY

Meeting  
Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association at HKCC, 5.30 p.m.  
Badminton  
Colony Senior Badminton Championships at CCC, 8 p.m.  
Ladies' Stableford Competition, Fanling, 4 p.m.

### TOMORROW

Athletics  
Finals of Inter-Schools at South China Stadium  
Annual Meeting of HKCC, 6 p.m.  
Annual Meeting USRC at Clubhouse, 6 p.m.  
Governers' Cup: CAAY v HKFA, Club ground, 8.30 p.m.  
Colony Senior Badminton Championships and prizes at CCC, 8.15 p.m.

## ROBERT ROBINSON'S SHOWTALK

## HE FELL AMONG THIEVES; NOW IAN IS REALLY IN THE BIG MONEY

No expense, you might think, is to be spared. They are using real pound notes in *The Big Money*, a comedy they are making down at Pinewood. ("Why real?" echoes the property man. "Because it's cheaper than making duds"). And security officers are standing about on the set like brokers men. They are also using real beer. ("Why?" echoes the property man again. "Because it's cheaper").

But—best of all—they are using a real actor.

While this is definitely not cheaper—the two contracts he holds, one from the Resulting Brothers and one from Mr Rank, will net him £39,000—it is a change.

And the name, by the by, is Ian Carmichael.

Mr Carmichael takes the job of being a real actor (he received the Variety Club's award for making the most progress over the last year) very seriously.

"I dyed my hair red," he tells me, solemnly, "because I get the feel of the part better that way."

The part is that of a young man whose family are all thieves, but who isn't very good at it himself.

Even without the aid of dye, Mr Carmichael has become almost over the last few months.

### WORRIED

His pretentiousness as a TV producer in "Simon and Laura" started it; his upper-class twerp in "Private's Progress" accelerated it.

For Mr Carmichael has talent. In a film world which is largely run on talent-substitute (brass neck and cool cheek) such a phenomenon is worth meeting.

"Success?" says Mr Carmichael, whose pleasant face irresistibly suggests a penguin who has been to a good public school. "I am now permanently worried by success."

"You see, I have made two films. Well they were good films, so there's no point in pretending otherwise. But now—can I keep it up?"

### 10-YEAR FIGHT

A problem. But a delicious one. Especially for a man who was so discouraged at one time he thought of chucking up the stage and going up into his father's jewellery business.

"Come up the hard way?" blinks Mr Carmichael. "I think I came up the correct way."

"Struggled for ten years. Really worked. Made a success in revue. And now I'm in films."

A splendid object lesson. I could not help feeling, for all those film gentlemen whose only asset is a profile.

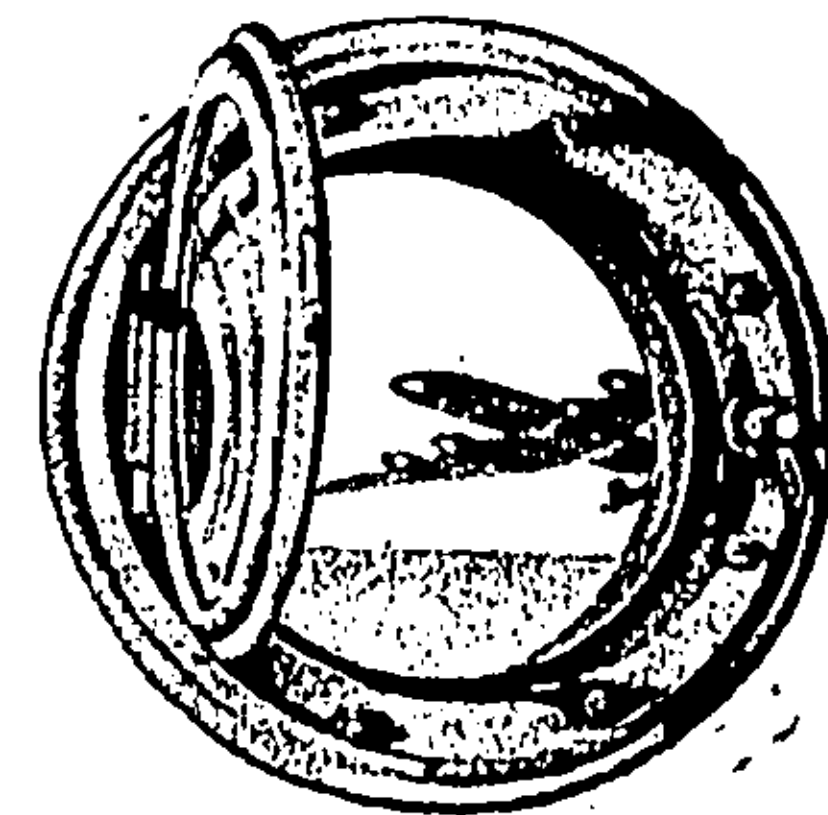
Mr Carmichael is modest yet honest, reserved yet direct. And he tells me—honestly and directly—that the only time he really feels he is a star is when he looks at his bank account.

And I report with satisfaction that he does not want to play Hamlet.

## Bridge Tournery

The Underlanders cleared their first stiff obstacle in a bid for the Inter-Club Team of Eight bridge championship when they edged out Club Lusitano by 25 International Match Points last night.

The teams were: L. A. Ozorio and D. M. Rodrigues, F. A. Gill and J. E. Noronha, A. E. Osmund and A. M. Souza, L. J. d'Almeida Remedios and A. M. Ozorio (Lusitano); H. Hoffman and George Chen, L. C. Chu and E. Marchetti, George Triang and D. C. Lau, Y. M. Chu and Edward Chok (Underlanders).



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# RIO COULD BECOME NEW CHICAGO

## Brazilian Papers Sound Warning

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 26.

Warnings that Rio is in danger of becoming a "new Chicago" are being given by newspapers here.

As an indication of the trend of organised crime in the Brazilian capital, they stress the protection afforded to gangsters and those who deal in narcotics.

The newspaper comment and warnings reflect the concern felt by the man-in-the-street at the growth of organised crime here.

A typical comment from O Globo reads:  
"The wave of lawlessness in Rio and its suburbs is rapidly assuming the character of organised crime similar to that in which the Chicago gangsters of a former day specialised."

### AROUND GAMBLING

"Our gangsters often have powerful hidden protectors and they cleverly use habeas corpus as a weapon in their favour."

The newspaper said that bicho (a banned gambling game in which animals and numbers are betted) is providing a centre "around which bold criminals gyrate" and that it is spreading game is not properly pursued and it has gathered round it men who are prepared for anything men who kill and even resort to the extreme of offering armed resistance to the police."

"Indications are that the criminals are maintained by the hidden capital of the bicho bankers (many of them wealthy men) who now constitute a serious menace to the population of Rio."

"The bicho bankers war against each other, members of the various gangs are wounded in hospital, and reprisals are considered normal among bandits who cannot get along with each other."

"With things as they are, it is not too much to say that our gangsters are considering importing armoured cars and building bullet- and fire-proof headquarters."

### SUPPORT SUICIDE

"Criminals are becoming bolder and Rio is in danger of becoming a sub-typical Chicago," declared A. Nogueira, which called for a reorganisation of the police force.

"When the police find a body with the head ten metres away, they are inclined to support the theory of suicide unless the murderer has left a card behind." They sustain this theory sometimes in suspicious circumstances by announcing the discovery of a bottle of poison at the scene of the crime a week after the discovery of the body.

"The fault for the inefficiency of the Federal police force lies with successive Governments who have seen the capital grow and crime increase, but failed to give policemen the specialised training which they need and supply them with the technical and scientific equipment necessary to carry out their duties."

"What is at stake is something very precious—the security of the population of Rio."

So far as the drug traffic is concerned, the English-language Brazil Herald quoted the report of the Rio Vice Squad for 1955, which stresses the problem

created by the sale of marijuana, or hashish, known in Brazil as maconha.

"The dope situation," the report said, "may rapidly create a national emergency unless the Armed Forces take concerted action, for the drug peddlers are already selling their goods with impunity at the local office."

Protection in the growing of marijuana was the subject of a leader writer in the Jornal do Brasil.

"To check the marijuana traffic effectively," he wrote, "it would be necessary to destroy the plantations where the plant grows and prohibit further production. But this is difficult because in many Brazilian states permission to cultivate marijuana is granted as a premium for electoral support."

### LARGE PROFITS

"Citizens in towns in the hinterland who cast their votes in accordance with the wishes of the political big-shots in the capital are not molested when they grow marijuana on their land."

"Growing marijuana is easy, and its sale yields large profits without any major effort."

"The authorities know all this, but they fail to take any strong action." — China Mail Special.

## Disarmament Conference



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## DANES DEFY US FILM COMBINE

Copenhagen, Mar. 26.

Danish cinemas are now entering a crucial period which will decide "Can we survive economically without American films?"

British, French, Italian, German, even Russian films, have benefited here by a dispute about rentals between the Danish cinema managers and the main Hollywood producers.

Since May last year Denmark has been subjected to an American "film blockade." No further bookings have been accepted for American films which normally represent more than 50 per cent of the total showings on the Danish screen.

### The Origin

The blockade did not affect prior bookings, which are being gradually exhausted and withdrawn from circulation. Now, only about 30 films, mostly shorts, remain unused for distribution.

The origin of the dispute goes back three years when the American companies banded together in the Motion Picture Export Association (MPEA) succeeded in getting increased rentals from Norwegian cinemas.

Previously, as in Denmark, Norwegian exhibitors paid, at the rate of 30 per cent of their box office receipts after deducting entertainment tax.

Now they pay 40 per cent while the Export Association has the right to negotiate for a higher percentage for up to 20 pictures each year which are expected to be big box-office successes.

The association tried to secure a similar sort of arrangement with Danish exhibitors. But they found a vital difference. While cinemas in Norway are owned by the local government authorities, in Denmark individual cinema managers are their own masters, although they must have a licence from the state to run a cinema and in various ways are strictly controlled by the Government.

Major Payarachun and a Thailand mission will leave on April 10.

This will be the first Thailand goodwill mission to the Nationalist Government since 1949.

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its entertainment tax from 40 to 25 per cent of the cost of a ticket.

In Denmark the Danish exhibitors have flatly rejected the American demand. The Danish Government, not being directly involved in the dispute and anxious to save foreign currency, has refused to sanction any reduction of entertainment tax.

On the contrary the Government last April raised the tax on cinema tickets from three-eighths to five-eighths of the cost of admission. This action, part of general measures to combat inflation in the country, was followed a month later by the American film blockade.

Not Important

"We simply cannot afford to pay more out of our present net receipts and keep open," said Mr. Harry Frandsen, chairman of the Copenhagen Cinema Association.

Because of the general shortage of money in Denmark, exhibitors feel that they have no hope of making the public pay the cost of the American rental demands by increasing prices. People will just stay away from cinemas, they say.

Denmark's 400 cinemas and 4,000,000 people represent a market more important than the city of Chicago. But they seem to regard the situation in Denmark as a dangerous precedent to other countries.

In no other market are films supplied so cheaply and without a sliding scale, they point out. They acknowledge the difficulties of the Danish exhibitors, but feel that it is up to the Danish Government to help them out.

So far the Danish Government has not shown itself prepared to make concessions, and meanwhile the Americans are not prepared to negotiate further with the Danish exhibitors.

Significantly, in view of the impasse, Copenhagen has been treated to three important publicity visits in the last three months from the rival British, Italian and French film industries.

Combating Blockade

First came a team of



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$165,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC Bank 1650 1075 30 220

East Asiatic 220 10 20

INSURANCE

Union 50 100

London 50 100

Underwriters 50 100

SHIPPING

Waterfront 17 1/2

DOCKS

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## ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF

## FULL EMPLOYMENT

## White Paper Issued By British Government

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 26.

The British Government's White Paper on "the Economic Implications of Full Employment" is an interesting document as far as it goes. The trouble is that it does not go anywhere near far enough.

It may be that what started out to be a full-scale economic exercise dwindled into a brief essay on tug of war between wages and prices when the Government realised that it was getting into deep political waters. In any case the White Paper's message can be summed up in a variation on the well-known truism: You cannot eat a larger cake than you have made.

As a reminder of the basic fact leading up to the present situation, however, the White Paper serves a useful purpose. It recalls that since 1946 Britain has increased her total output by 20 per cent. But even this growth has not been enough to provide money incomes of all kinds have risen 80 per cent. In other words Britain has produced nearly twice as much as she is consuming.

This increase in money costs per unit of output, which has resulted in a 50 per cent rise in prices over the past nine years, cannot be separated from the fact that employment throughout the country was at a very high level. Combined with a pre-war average rate of unemployment of over 10 per cent, the rate since the war has never fallen below 5 per cent. Indeed for most of the period under review it has been under two per cent and it is now down to one per cent.

Clearly the situation in Britain today when despite short time working in several industries there still appears to be more unemployed workers than employed workers, can be described as "full employment." But so according to many eminent economists could a situation in which three per cent of the working population unemployed.

The first question that needs to be answered, if we are to study the implications of full employment is: What exactly is meant by full employment? Unfortunately this is the greatest shortcoming of the White Paper makes no attempt at a definition. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Macmillan, was no more informative on this subject when he was put to him at a press conference to introduce the White Paper.

According to the Chancellor full employment is a state of affairs in which there is the highest possible level of employment consistent with an expanding economy and stable prices.

But that does not help the ordinary man understand what is meant by full employment. Obviously the present situation falls a long way short of Mr. Macmillan's ideal state of affairs. Are we to assume then that we have over full employment? And if so, how much overemployment is needed to bring us to a state of "full" employment?

Instead of answering these questions the White Paper deals with what its authors hope are less controversial matters. Of the 50 per cent rise in prices since the war, it says, about one-third can be explained by changes in taxation, subsidies and by higher import prices. The rest was entirely due to a rise in home costs.

All forms of money income have risen, but some have risen faster than others. By far the biggest slice of incomes—four-fifths—is taken by wages and salaries and gross trading profits of companies and public enterprises. The latter rose considerably more than the former between 1938 and 1948, but since then they have both risen at a more or less equal rate—by two-thirds.

## Third Slice

The third important slice of incomes—those which are drawn from dividends—are discussed separately in relation to wages. The White Paper shows that although wages and dividends rose more or less in line—by two-thirds—between 1948 and 1955 have risen much less than wages compared with pre-war levels. In terms of the things they will buy wages have risen by 40 per cent since 1938 while dividends have declined by 30 per cent.

The White Paper's immediate concern, however, is not so much the question of how the national cake should be shared between the various elements, but with the effect on the economy if all of them try to go on increasing the share. But when money incomes rise faster than output—that is when total shares in the cake are larger than the cake itself—there

## NY COTTON FUTURES ACTIVE

New York, Mar. 26.

Cotton futures closed today flattened out following a sharp opening setback in active dealings.

Accumulated weekend liquidation and hedge selling drove prices down as much as \$2 1/2 a bale, with the forward deliveries running far in the lead. At the close the list ruled 4 points higher to 31 points lower. Opening prices were off 6 to 34 points. New Orleans closed off 30 to 20 points.

Continuing uncertainty over the omnibus farm bill, and Government export plans for surplus raw cotton, brought a flood of selling orders at the start.

Nearby months showed relative steadiness, meeting scaled-down support through mill industry shippers and other trade interests, partly on technical reasons and against export commitments.

SLOW DEMAND Southern advice, however, reported a slow mill demand for spot cotton in the past week. Atlanta accounts noted only a few inquiries for prompt shipment, with indications that the demand will continue poor until some official announcement is made concerning new export support prices and the Government export programme.

Preliminary new crop accounts were mixed. Eastern belt reports noted very little farm work was done in the southeast last week because of cool temperatures and wet fields. Memphis said land preparations made good progress despite the cold weather. Los Angeles reported warmer daytime temperatures.

The certified stock rose 56 bales from the previous position to 212,819 bales. Volume and open interest were:

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## US COTTON EXPORTS SLUMP

Washington, Mar. 26.

The Agriculture Department reported a slump in United States cotton exports today.

During the first half of the current market year—which through the period of July, 1955, to August, 1956—US cotton exports totalled 779,000 bales of 500 lbs gross, the report said.

This represented a 62 per cent decline from the total of 2,040,000 bales for a similar period of a year ago.

At the same time the Agriculture Department predicted that "moderate improvement in the volume of exports may be expected to the end of the current season, with a sharp acceleration in exports beginning August 1 under the new cotton export programme announced on February 28." — United Press.

## WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 26.

The No. 1 RSS rubber futures closed today 145 to 150 points lower with sales of 380 contracts.

The standard contract closed 125 to 170 points lower with no sales reported.

Prices weakened after a steady start, with pressure from leading dealer interests at the close finding buyers aloof. Shipment offerings from the East generally were held above a workable basis, but local buyers marked time awaiting developments in Indonesia following the recent reduction in the export tax.

Factory and other buyers locally continued indifferent. Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted nominally 3 1/2 cents a pound.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1956.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### Afterthoughts On "Dr" Menzies, Bedside Manner

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 20.

It is marvellous what a bedside manner can accomplish. Seated by our radio the other night (listener's fee: £2) we heard, with frequent nods of approval, how Doctor Menzies proposed to cure the patient.

Slug the beer drinker, hit the smoker, squeeze another few million or so out of the motorist, draw a little more financial blood from the companies who are disgustingly healthy, anyway, Capital, Capital!

As we listened to the Prime Minister put his case, in his pleasant voice, dripping with logic, we felt that here was the man to save the nation. It all sounded so plausible, so very necessary. The bedside manner was complete.

But after the doctor had left and we had switched the radio on to a different soap opera, we began to feel that what he had said was a little bit of a farce. The bedside manner was complete, but the doctor was a fraud.

Our main disease is overpopulation, yet nowhere were we shown, how the new slug was going to solve this problem. After all the sugar goes off the bill, what Prime Minister Menzies did was to slug us again and generally speaking, slug us pretty hard.

Back in January eight economists expounded exactly the same theory for getting the nation out of its financial troubles. All sections of industry jumped at these economists and waited for the Prime Minister to comment. He did.

He said that after all these experts had had their little play, the problem was still left to the Government to solve. We breathed a sigh of relief. The Prime Minister in so many words, indicated that he didn't subscribe to their views. Yet a few months later he carries out their wishes almost to the letter.

As one character said in the club the other morning "Looks like we've got an exportable quantity of economists."

Generally speaking, however, the nation have taken fairly calmly these new tax slugs, which may not be the case if present rumours come true and direct income tax jumps in the next budget.

It would appear that if this country gets any more prosperous we will all go broke.

**THE SYDNEY ROYAL**  
On Friday the gates open once more on the greatest show on earth—the Sydney Royal. The exhibits in it will be worth

not less than £6 million, £3 million of it in livestock alone, and it has cost £155,000 to stage.

This year it includes the £1 million French exhibition—a bit of France that has been transported to the outskirts of the city.

All the forecasters gloomily predict rain and more rain for the Show but this won't stop a near-million people from crowding out the T2-ments.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, officially opened the really beautiful French pavilion at the Showground yesterday. To attend the ceremony France sent two of her film stars, an official hostess, and a number of politicians and two industrial V.I.P.s.

The French Government contributed £50,000 towards the cost of the two-storey building within the Showground and French artists and French women specially flown out here, really have converted it into a little bit of France.

RAS President Sam Hordern, said the building was an indication of what was going to happen at the Showground in the future.

"We cannot expect outdoors," he said, "but we have plenty of room to go up and we will."

He thinks this is about the finest show ever and sees record crowds if only the weather.

**RAIN AND MORE RAIN**  
And while on this subject we might as well be finished with it. The rain is still tumbling down from showers to cloudbursts.

Inland people are again leaving their homes—some for the fifth time in as many weeks—as rivers reach flood heights.

The continuous rain is creating an umbrella-carrying type of inhabitant in Sydney. Anyone walking the streets these days without what has become known as a "rain stick" is looked upon as an odd sort of fellow.

The makers, however, cannot provide enough broomies to meet our rain-soaked demands. One firm has had to send rush orders to Hongkong.

During a cloud burst last Thursday 36 men's umbrellas were sold in 10 minutes of one of Sydney's leading stores. Prices do not mean anything now. The £2, £4 and £8 models have gone. If you are lucky you might find one here and there at £3 but they are selling them up to 15 guineas—ask with crocodile handles.

**SELF-CONSCIOUS**  
A fashion fellow at one store echoed a feeling in our own heart when he said: "Australians are self-conscious carrying an umbrella. Most of them carry it like a cricket bat, on the side of the hand or a pocket. They don't carry it with the confident swing of an Englishman."

Speaking for myself we still haven't mastered the art of (a) tripping over it, (b) leaving it in hotels and cafes—which means dodging like mad after it, and (c) coming near it with the confident swing of an Englishman.

Oyster growers claim that their losses from rain is getting near the six figure mark. Chief Inspector of Fisheries, Mr. R. H. Wakeham, said that quantities of oysters had died right along the coast. He said an oyster could stand a "fresh" in a river for about three weeks, but some of our best oyster rivers had had freshes in them for more than three months.

**BONDI BEACH**  
Waverley Municipal Council has decided to call tenders on a world-wide basis for a single lease of Bondi Beach facilities.

These facilities include the various amusement parks on Council land, and the huge beach pavilion.

Aldermen decided this by five votes to seven after a heated and bitter debate. Deputy Mayor, Alderman Page, said the Council lacked experience to conduct the amenities efficiently.

**RUSSIANS ARRIVE**  
Three Russian Olympic officials flew into Sydney this week on their way to inspect Olympic accommodation and arrangements. Only one spoke English, but the three joked and laughed with reporters at Mascot airport.

Vladimir Smirnov, who spoke English, said the Soviet Olympic party would comprise about 450 athletes, men and women, and about 150 officials and others. They would not talk about their country's prospects at the Games.

"After all," said Vladimir, "it is not sport."

The Olympic Organising Committee has returned £37,000 in ticket money, mostly for downgraded applications.

Mr. P. W. Neill, who is in charge of the Olympic box office, said that in any big undertaking people send in for more seats than a theatre or stadium will hold and so some have to get their money back.

**NORMAL PRACTICE**  
"This is normal in any box office, and especially with the Olympic Games, which is by far the biggest box office undertaking ever handled in Australia."

So far we have received £200,000 for tickets for the opening ceremony were given receipts—not vouchers for tickets. Now the unlucky ones are getting their money back—but they should not forget that 45,000 seats will be sold at the turnstiles every day.

Incidentally, reports flowing in from all sources, and particularly from visitors who are here to see what is doing, indicate that the Olympic people are doing a magnificent job and that all will be slick and span to the last lick of paint, come November.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We're producing more and faster than ever before in history—our kids sure will have to hustle to beat our records!"

### Funeral Of Grave Charge Pilot Killed In Crash

The funeral of Flying Officer J.C. Shipman of 28 Squadron, Royal Air Force, took place this morning at the Colonial Cemetery.

Aged 22, Flying Officer Shipman was flying a Vampire whilst engaged in Exercise "Sea Dragon" when he crashed into a hillside near Ngau Ku Kok, on March 23. He joined the 28 Squadron in March last year.

Air Commodore A. D. Mesterton, CBE, Group Captain A. J. M. Smythe, OBE, DFC, members of the RAAF and representatives of other Forces were present at the funeral.

The Rev. James Monaghan conducted the chapel and graveside services.

The coffin, draped with an Union Jack, was carried to the graveside after the service in the chapel. The pall-bearers were Flying Officers C. Murgatroyd, A. S. Huggitt, W. Leroy Ogilvie, R.A. Dixon, P. Deam, and Pilot Officer J. Barker.

Flight-Lt. F.A.P. Madden was in charge of the funeral party.

A 46-man firing party and buglers from the RAAF, Sek Kong, under the command of Flight-Lt. M.D. Parry were in attendance. The buglers sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

**FLORAL TRIBUTES**

Wreaths were sent by Flying Officer Shipman's Father and Mother; Wendy; The Air Officer Commanding, Officers, NCOs and Aircraftmen, of No 28 Squadron; The Air Officer Commanding, Officers NCOs and Aircraftmen, of Air Quarters, RAAF, Bala; The Air Officer Commanding, Officers NCOs and Aircraftmen, of 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade; The Air Officer Commanding, Officers NCOs and Aircraftmen, of RAAF, Sek Kong; Air Officer Commanding, Officers, NCOs and Aircraftmen, of RAAF, Ping Shan; CMC and SMCs, Sergeants Mess, RAAF, Sek Kong; CMC and SMCs, Sergeants Mess, RAAF, Kai Tak; PMC and SMCs, RAAF, Kai Tak; Lt-Col and Mrs. J. A. Smith; Coralie Gilbert; Lt-Col and Mrs. W. A. Patter and Ruby; PMC and Officers, RAAF, Sek Kong; The Officer Commanding, Officers, NCOs and Aircraftmen, of RAAF, Kai Tak; The GOC and all ranks, Land Force, HK, Mr. Alice Gelfand, and Mr and Mrs. Winter Alan.

**Woman Threatened With Knife**

A Chinese woman was accosted by a man whilst walking along a footpath towards Kai, Main Village, in the Shaikwan district at 10.15 p.m. yesterday.

The man produced a knife and threatened the woman, who raised an outcry, causing the man to run away.

A suspect was later detained by the Police.

### Grave Charge Against Rattan Maker

A 40-year-old rattan maker, Ho Sum-tung, appeared on trial in the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with four counts of having had carnal knowledge of a girl under 13 years of age.

The Crown claimed the alleged offences took place in an unnumbered hut in Kowloon Tai village during December last year.

The trial is before Mr Justice J. Reynolds and a Jury of six men and a woman.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector A. E. Thomas.

The accused is not represented by Counsel.

Blair-Kerr said that the approximate dates of the alleged offences were on December 12, 14, 15 and 16 of last year.

The complainant was an apprentice rattan worker to the accused and had been so apprenticed for the past year or so.

**MARRIED MAN**

The accused was a married man with a daughter. They lived in an unnumbered hut with another family and the complainant. There was little privacy in this hut, he said.

Complainant's father would testify how his daughter came to be apprenticed to the accused and the conditions of the apprenticeship. He would say she would receive free board and lodging but no pay.

The father would further say that complainant was born in Nam Ho district on September 20, 1943. If the Jury were satisfied that he was clear on that point, then the complainant would be 12 years and three months old in December, last year when the offences were alleged to have taken place.

Complainant would say that she was afraid to tell her father but eventually on the advice of a friend she saw him.

As a result complainant was examined by the Police Surgeon. Later accused was arrested. Hearing is continuing.

### Dead Pilots Identified

The Naval Authorities in Hongkong this morning released the names of the two pilots who were killed yesterday afternoon when two Royal Navy Seahawk jet fighters crashed during a fly-past over the harbour.

The pilots are Lieutenant R. A. L. Lowen, RN, and Pilot Officer B. W. Hulse, RN. Both men were from the aircraft carrier HMS Centaur of 811 Squadron which was taking part, with other units of the Far East Fleet in "Exercise Monsoon."

A funeral service for the two pilots will be held at Holy Trinity Church, HMS Tamar at 11 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) morning followed by interment at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley.

## AMERICAN PASSPORT RACKET

### Astonishing Charges Against HK Police

Washington, Mar. 26.

American authorities charged today that police in Hongkong, by failing to enforce the Colony's perjury laws are aiding Chinese racketeers who sell American citizenship to Chinese aliens and possibly Communist spies.

They said that each time American investigators uncover a fraudulent passport in Hongkong, involving perjury, the case is turned over to the local police but that no action follows.

The current police administration in the Crown Colony is very uncooperative with Americans, they added.

"We feel that if the British police would just enforce their own perjury laws it would help in cutting down this racket," one authority connected with the matter said.

The State Department has charged that fraud is involved in 84 percent of the Chinese applications in Hongkong for passports and visas. It claimed in a report to a House Appropriations subcommittee, which was made public last Friday, that at the end of December there were "at least 124 citizenship brokerage houses" operating in Hongkong.

**FALSE IDENTITIES**  
These brokers get as much as US\$3,700 for faked American citizenship documents, collecting US\$500 at the time, the remainder when the fraudulent "citizen" reaches the United States.

The Hongkong brokers receive help from persons in the US, who create false identities for Chinese by counterfeiting birth certificates and other documents, the Department said.

These identities are then matched with alien applicants in Hongkong.

The Department said numerous US agents have been operating in Hongkong in an effort to stop the racket but it is so highly organized that it poses a great threat to American security.

Neither the Hongkong Police nor the American Consulate-General were in a position to comment on the above report, the China Mail was informed this morning.

### Radio Hongkong

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